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The Royal Australian Regiment

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The Right Honourable, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CD, JP, DL



Founder and First Colonel of the Regiment  
The late Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD

Colonel of the Regiment  
Brigadier-General R.S. Graham, CD



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## MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF



**T**he year 1989 was a wonderful one for our Regiment which marked the 75th Anniversary of its founding with celebrations all over the country, and indeed wherever Patricias were to be found, in large or small numbers. There was also a celebration in Ypres, and of course the U.K. Association had a large gathering at Hatch Court in Somerset, our Founder's home in England.

We have all thereby paid tribute to our great past and the debt we owe the gallant originals and early Patricias of the Great War, and those who took part in the Second War and Korea and other operation duties. It has been so good to realize that the high standards and great traditions of our Regiment remain as good as ever and that our aim is to pass them on in the same manner to our successors.

I was so very happy to be able to take part, with my husband, in the culminating marvellous week of celebrations in Calgary, which were so very impressive and enjoyable. The mixture of formal and informal occasions showed all sides of our Regimental life and I felt so very proud to be a part of it.

One of the most striking features was the tremendous support given by our veterans, including seven originals, which added greatly to the importance of the occasion. I am sure none of us will ever forget the sight of 1400 Old Guard joining in the march-past after that most wonderful Regimental Trooping. Nor will we ever forget the obvious enjoyment the young and old soldiers felt in being able to meet and talk over their experiences together.

I felt we were all taking a part in the expression, and making, of our fine Regimental history, and could look forward with great confidence to its continuing in the future.



## MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT



**T**he Regiment may well look back with much satisfaction to our 75th Anniversary Year. A significant anniversary indeed: we were able to welcome Patricias whose service began with that of the Regiment, to the youngest recruit who had just joined. What a tribute! What a March-past! Our past history is a solid foundation which shall guide all who serve in the future and there could be no greater pattern to follow.

I shall not dwell upon the important events of the year which are illustrated quite well elsewhere in this anniversary edition. Our 75th Anniversary is over and we enter a new era. Today, we are proud to have a Patricia as CDS and we are equally proud to say that the Regiment is in excellent shape. The units are tasked with challenging and interesting commitments. From Norway to Cyprus, from Iran/Iraq to Central America, Patricias are serving with distinction and pride. Those of us at home value their service to our country and hope that their tour of duty, however long it may be, will remain free of mishaps.

This, 1990, is my final year as your Colonel of the Regiment. I am proud indeed to have had the singular opportunity to serve the Regiment in this capacity. As my generation of Patricias is on its way out, a generation of soldiers who managed affairs of soldiers within set rules and discipline, the next generation will be confronted with new problems. A rapid spread of education and democratic functions of our way of life have thrown up an entirely new crop of Patricias in its ranks. The demand on future leadership will grow manifold and command of soldiers will involve new challenges. The Regiment is indeed ready to meet these challenges. My wife Betty joins me in wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

R.S. Graham  
Colonel of the Regiment



## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

### PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION



**T**his past year, our 75th Anniversary, was a significant milestone in our Regimental history. The National Reunion was a magnificent event for all Patricias, those still serving and those of us who are retired. The organization and execution of 75th year celebrations were a credit to our Regiment and indeed our Association. While many contributed to the success of this celebration, we must recognize the special place Rod Middleton occupied in energetically, but patiently steering the Association through the long planning period and the implementation of the 75th Anniversary Plan. We must also thank the Association volunteers who worked faithfully and hard to make this past year of celebration a success.

The year 1989 also marks the 42nd Anniversary of the founding of our Association. I am sure its responsibilities have grown well beyond that envisioned by our founder Hamilton Gault in 1947. However, he would be pleased with the way his Association and Regiment have grown. Perhaps during the 75th celebrations, it has become more apparent that the fabric of our Regimental family consists of two entities: the Regiment, the serving members regimentally and extra-regimentally employed, and the corporate body made up of the Association with its members. The Association, which is an independent component within the regimental family, serves both the Regiment and its retired members. It provides the legal and corporate structure which holds and accounts for certain regimental property and funds. Therefore, much of our activity and administration is linked with the regimental executive level. This combined activity imposes special care as regimental stewards in carrying out our responsibilities. It also imposes an exacting responsibility to comply fully with the Association by-laws and regulations issued by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

During 1989, our Association took an active part in the creation of the Calgary Military Museum and the PPCLI Hall of Honour. Therefore, we look forward with pride and anticipation to the opening of the Hall of Honour and the Museum of the Regiments in 1990.



# REGIMENTAL COUNCIL 1989

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## RESPONSIBILITIES

Regimental Headquarters is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is responsible for: being the secretariat of the Regiment; the maintenance, accounting and operation of the Regimental and Association funds and accounts; operating the Regimental Kit Shop; operating the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental Publications, including the Association Newsletter, The Patrician, the Regimental Manual and the New Soldiers Manual; maintaining all files and records of the Association; liaison between Regimental soldiers, units and branches of the Association; protocol; funerals; visits and a variety of other tasks assigned by, or on behalf of the Regimental Council (i.e., Fund Raising).

## REGIMENTAL GRATUITIES

Individuals who contribute annually in accordance with the current scale of Regimental Contributions are provided at no charge:

- a. an annual copy of The Patrician;
- b. a sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
- c. a Regimental Gift —
  - (1) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed their Basic engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (Units to action)
  - (2) for all Patricias on honourable retirement, remuster or release with nine to nineteen years of service, their choice of a 4½" pewter statuette of a 'Modern Day PPCLI Soldier', 'PPCLI Drummer Boy', 'WWI Soldier' or 'WWII Soldier' suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service, (RHQ to action), and
  - (3) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or release with twenty or more years of service, a 6½" pewter figurine of a WWI Soldier mounted on a walnut base, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service. (RHQ to action)

Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual (AL 1/84). Units of the Regiment process and action subparagraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action subparagraphs c(2) and c(3) it is necessary that units and Regimental Representatives advise Regimental Headquarters of Patricias retiring or remustering and provide the individual's particulars, i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement, release or remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster



**WINNERS OF 1989 COMPETITIONS****THE HAMILTON GAULT TROPHY**

2 RCR Gagetown

**THE HAMILTON GAULT SKILL AT ARMS TROPHY**

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**THE LOUIS SCOTT 'COCK O' THE WALK TROPHY**

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and

Master Warrant Officer C.M. Cableguen, CD

**REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF  
SEPTEMBER 1989**

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*Sergeant R.F. Zubkowski, Master Corporal J.R. Demerchant, Sergeant D.I. Thompson, Master Corporal T.R. Groves.*

## THE NEW HOME FOR REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND OUR REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

The Museum of the Regiments which will be the home for Regimental Headquarters and our Regimental Museum and Archives nears completion. Construction should be complete by the end of March 1990. Work should start on the cabinets and displays for the museums shortly thereafter. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II will officially open the museum on 30 June, 1990.





## **HONOURS AND AWARDS 1989**

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The Regiment also wishes to mention those individuals who contributed to the preservation of our history through their contributions to two special 1989 projects, The Hall of Honour and The Sniper Painting Fund. Individuals are recognized with each exhibit and so, shall not be named here. Without this support these two projects could not have been completed.

### DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. L.A. Wittington  | Forge Cap and two Officers Dress Shirts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Sgt Tom Seggie       | Ammo Pouch, Carrying case for a shovel, Small pack                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Capt R. Raidt        | Bush Dress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Mr. J.E. Morgan      | Recruit book, 3 volumes Vox Pat, Book Ambassador to Germany                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mrs. Susan Bell      | German Flag                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mr. Don Parr-Pearson | Large Pack WWII, two Small packs, Webb Belt, Large pack WWI, Gaitors, 303 Ammo Bandoleer, 303 Breech cover, Cloth Holdall                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mr. C. Goodman       | Officers Hat, Poster of Canada, Cyprus ball cap, Sword belt and sling, Ankle boots, Cane, Wedge cap, Service belt, Rifle crest 1959, Low white shoes, Collar dogs                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Major H. Michitsch    | Ten dollar script used in Cyprus, Battle dress, Gas Mask, Protective gas suit                                                                                                                       |
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| Mr. Allan E. Roffey   | Leather wallet                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mr. Byron Wolters     | 18 defence books, 34 military technology books                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mr. Ken Baychert      | WWI helmet, WWI small kit bag, Complete set of WWI webbing, WWI gas mask                                                                                                                            |
| Mr. Bob Muir          | Battle dress                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mr. C.P. McPherson    | Boxing trophy                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mr. John Milburn      | Personal Papers                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mr. Jack Moore        | Metal tag for kit bag, four photographs, six maps of England, fifteen military pamphlets, Newspaper clippings                                                                                       |
| Mr. Ken Slater        | Twelve books, Helmet WWII, Gaitors, Ammo pouch, Large pack                                                                                                                                          |
| Mr. Garth Bowring     | Keyring 1914-64 Jubilee, two photographs                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lt J.F. Walsh         | Snuff box                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mr. Jack Rudd         | Chinese Horn                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mr. James Tew         | Italian banner, Scrapbook                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mr. Ivor Williams     | Ankle boots WWII, Newspaper 1945                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sgt J.A. LaPierre     | Framed photograph of Korea                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mr. A.C. Green        | Warrant Officer sash, Lanyard, Forge cap, Patrol blues, CF Greens uniform                                                                                                                           |
| Black Watch Museum    | Hamilton Gault's hat box                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Mr. Sam Hurford       | German helmet                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lord and Lady         |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Roderick Gordon       | Silver Gift Box                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mr. Jack Francis      | Service poster                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mrs. Candy Lannan     | Table runner, 25 photographs                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mr. W.E. Hutchinson   | Patrol Tunic, White Mess Tunic, CF Green uniform, Regimental web belt, Regimental stable belt, Sambrowne belt, two Officer hat badges, Field cap, Regimental lanyard, Irish Bn armlet, Boot weights |
| Mr. Donald McDonell   | German pullover                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mr. McDonald          | Eight books                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mr. Mel Hidlebaugh    | Cigarette tin, Pay book, Photograph                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Mrs. V.R. Schjelderup | Lace dress, Grey crepe coat                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mr. Roy Weir          | Three plates, and seven books                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mr. Norman McCowan    | Battle dress, Boots, Fur cap, Winter mitts                                                                                                                                                          |



Prime Minister of  
Canada

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings and sincere best wishes to the officers and personnel -- both past and present -- of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as you gather to commemorate its 75th anniversary.

Canadians remain forever indebted to the brave men and women who joined in the fight for freedom as well as to those who continue to ensure the security of our borders and the safety of our citizens. During this special anniversary, the members and veterans of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry may reflect with pride on their bravery, esprit de corps and the distinction they brought upon themselves and their country.

I trust this Regimental Trooping will provide an opportunity for those present to bring forth personal anecdotes of the history you share and encourage you as you look to the future secure in the knowledge that your efforts helped turn the tide towards freedom.

*Jean Charest*

OTTAWA  
1989



# FIRST BATTALION

## The National Reunion

*by Major S.M. Sawyer*

**T**hose who were in Calgary during our National Reunion in celebration of The First 75 Years of the Regiment's service were treated to an outstanding presentation that lasted three and one-half days. The hectic pace during the reunion was a result of five years planning and one and one-half years of dedicated labour by the serving and retired members of the Regimental family.

Before I describe the reunion, I want to thank those whose efforts were significant. Rod Middleton and the members of the Calgary Branch of the Association gave yeoman service in the fields of publicity, accommodation for out of town guests, establishment of report centers, ethnic food kiosks at the Better 'Ole and raising funds in support of the PPCLI Museum. The 75th Office staff for fielding all the questions, organizing invitations and responses, advertising, protocol, and administration. The soldiers of all three battalions and 2 Airborne Commando whose contributions ranged from parade square activities, demonstrations and drill to building props, painting, assembling and decoration of the Better 'Ole and servicing all the bars. The significant contribution of the PPCLI Band, the Peninsula Band of the Royal Green Jackets, the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band, the City of Calgary Police Pipe Band and the Corps of Drums from all three battalions cannot be overlooked. To all who contributed, I extend my sincere thanks and the appreciation of all our guests during our reunion.

The reunion began on 10 August 1989. That day was scheduled to be the main reception day. We were besieged by more than 3000 members of the Regimental family who found their way to the official opening of the Better 'Ole by the Colonel of the Regiment. Old acquaintances were renewed and "Pat Blue" was consumed and we were off to the races. The Colonel in Chief attended the Better 'Ole at 1900 hours and welcomed everyone to the National Reunion.

Friday 11 August 1989 was the first day of planned activities. About one third of the Reunion participants in addition to many dignitaries from the Calgary area attended a dedication ceremony at the site of the new museum. A short but stirring ceremony included prayers of dedication, a description of the project, a dedication by our Colonel in Chief and a solo performed by John Milburn. After the dedication, we were treated to a luncheon on the site of the museum grounds. Hard hat tours of the facility were also conducted.

The crowd moved to the Currie Parade Square and was joined by another 4000 spectators to witness the demonstration portraying the story of the Regiment from its founding to today's soldier.

While some drifted back to the Better 'Ole, about 1400 went downtown that Friday night to the Calgary Convention Centre. The PPCLI Association had the evening to host the Colonel in Chief, the Colonel of the Regiment, senior members of the Regiment, retired members and selected serving members of the Regiment. Rod Middleton hired experienced professionals for his production staff and through bands, choirs and actors, gave a musical presentation of our Regiment's history.

To be sure, it was a late night. Fortunately, the next event wasn't scheduled until 1130 hours on Saturday, 12 August 1989. Then, everyone gathered on the sports field for lunch before the trooping. After lunch we moved to the parade square where the bleachers were filled to capacity with 8100 spectators to watch the most unique and spectacular trooping in our regiment's history. The escort to the colours was provided by 1 PPCLI, Guards 2 and 3 by 2 PPCLI, Guard 4 by 2 Airborne Commando and Guards 5 and 6 by 3 PPCLI. The colours of all four units were on parade and marched with the guards from their units. The ceremony included band performances by the PPCLI Band, the Peninsula Band of the Royal Green Jackets, the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band, the City of Calgary Police Pipe Band and the Corps of Drums of all three Patricia Battalions. Surely the most memorable sight was the march past of the Old Guard numbering more than 1400 all ranks.

That night, there was a dance in three huge tents erected on the sports field. Each tent housed 950 people. They were filled to capacity for supper and remained full for the dance afterwards. In each tent there was a different style of music: The Good Brothers performed for the Country and Western fans, Mart Kenney and his orchestra performed for those who preferred big band music while two local rock bands played for those who preferred a more youthful flavour. Amazingly, the three styles of music were deadened by the walls of the tents and thus did not compete or blend with each other. It was a great night.

On Sunday 13 August, 200 people took advantage of the bus tours. Some went to the Olympic sites while the more adventurous went to Banff and Lake Louise. Those who took advantage of this offer were bussed back to Calgary in time for the finale.

The last night began with a Western barbecue on the sports field. Once the barbecue was over, 6000 people occupied the bleachers on the parade square to view the Sunset Ceremony and Feu de Joi followed by fireworks.

The Reunion in celebration of The First 75 Years as now over and all that remained was to get everyone home and to tear down.

Lastly, I must mention the unsung supporters of our reunion. Without the support of soldiers from Base Calgary, the reunion could not have taken place. To all of you, may I extend the sincere thanks of all ranks of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.



*The guard provided by 2 Airborne Commando in line in slow time.*



*The Regimental Colours of the four units on parade are handed over to the Escort to the Colours under the watchful eye of RSM Ritchie.*



*The Regimental Band escorted by Pioneers of 1 PPCLI march on to the Parade Square prior to the trooping. The weekend's festivities saw music provided by the Regimental Band, The Corps of Drums of all three Battalions, The Edmonton City Police Pipe Band, the Calgary City Police Pipe Band and a special treat, the Peninsular Band of our Allied Regiment, the Royal Green Jackets.*





*The Colonel-in-Chief motors to the reviewing dias during The Trooping of the Colours before an enthusiastic crowd of well-wishers.*



*A quiet moment in the Better 'Ole on Sunday morning. The Drill Hall, tents and lawns making up the Better 'Ole was a huge success allowing serving and past members of the Regiment the chance to renew old friendships.*



*The Military Display. A stylized version of the Battle of Ortona, Troops of A Company 1 PPCLI dressed in period uniforms kindly provided by the Nova Scotia Tattoo.*



*"Last light Kapyong." A "convincing" replica of the steep gullies and hillsides of the Korean landscape. Landscape architecture courtesy of 1 PPCLI pioneers.*



*Troopers of 2 Airborne Commando display their prowess at unarmed combat. During rehearsal there were more than a few bruised knuckles when an unknown wag substituted birch targets for pine.*



*An historic photograph. The Colonel-in-Chief with her four Colonels of the Regiment. (L-R): Colonel Sutherland, Major-General Ware, Lady Patricia, Major-General Brown and Brigadier-General Graham.*

# Alpha Company

*by Officer Cadet T.D. Sopera*

**1** 989 was a good year for A Company. The year began with Exercise Rapier Thrust, a ten day dismounted exercise where new commanders and old, proved their leadership skills, often to the amusement of the young soldiers.

Spring came and went with another course cycle and by April, physical training and section training became intense as A Company prepared for the last summer exercise of the decade, Exercise RV89.

On the ground in Wainwright, training started with Section Commanders taking their men and reviewing basic drills. The Platoon Commanders then took over and began to mold the three Sections into one cohesive fighting unit, concentrating on mounted and dismounted operations. Once this was done to the satisfaction of the many command elements, the Company Commander took over and applied his wisdom and developed three very different platoons with three very different platoon commanders into one sub unit.

Upon return to Calgary, A Company was robbed in the slave trade by Combat Support and our weary and aged Platoon Warrants had to reorganize our depleted platoons for Exercise Ortona Trooper in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Ortona Trooper was one of the better exercises that many of us had ever participated in as we got to go somewhere new and somewhat different. For many it was our first experience with house clearing (especially our clerk!) and the experience gained in training at a base capable of housing the entire Canadian Forces will remain with us for a long, long time.

Upon returning home and unpacking all our newly acquired American gear, A Company joined the Battalion in the frantic preparations for the Regiment's 75th Anniversary. Soldiers were tasked out all over the base, in tasks too many to mention for days on end, but as the visiting dignitaries and retired Patricians began to arrive we all knew it was worth it. There was an air of excitement in 1 PPCLI as host of the 75th Reunion and all soldiers involved could feel it! Happily, the celebrations were a success, many renewed old acquaintances while young soldiers listened to old stories.

Summer leave came and went too fast for most of us, and with the return to work there were some new faces around the Company. Captain Mal Johnston took over as the Company second-in-command while newly promoted MWO Gary Foucault became the new CSM. OCdt Sopera took over 1 Platoon and Lt Cliff Trollope became 3 Platoon Commander and WO Roy Comeau escaped Sigs Platoon and became the A Company Quartermaster. Major Grant McNally, OC A Company, had pleasure turn quickly to pain as he came to realize that all of his new commanders are either playing for or managing the Battalion Ice Hockey Team (so much for Company Physical Training).

17 September to 5 October found A Company in Dundurn, Saskatchewan for the Battalion Battle School where Pte Dutton and Pte Kearney of 1 Platoon were 1 PPCLI's best at pairs fire and movement scoring 73 out of 75. Some of the other training received by the officers and men of A Company were the Platoon bunker clearing, Section woods attack, Section tank hunting, individual tunnel clearing, shotgun range and the booby trap range. The exercise culminated in the Battalion Patrol Competition where Lt Trollope and Sgt Fletcher led 3 Platoon to victory while OCdt Sopera and WO Warrington leading 1 Platoon came second.

The last three weeks of October found the Company busily preparing for the Annual Technical Inspection prior to the fall course cycle. 1 Platoon managed to take a week and head for the mountains for some rappelling, top roping and mountain walks where MCpl "Thumper" Davis quickly learned the importance of a brake man while rappelling (when does the cast come off Thumper?)

Lt Gill and Sgt Kenny were sent to the Battle School to instruct on a TQ3 course while Lt Trollope headed to Borden for the Intelligence course and mention goes to Pte Godollei who could not out-run the dogs while on the Recce course.

The fall course cycle took place in November and once again the Company was depleted of troops, giving the senior NCOs the chance to test their manhood and kill Bambi during hunting season.

The year ended as it should have with the A Company Christmas party and Cpl Bake using his airborne training to entice young women to do the two-step with him. Why were so many limping afterwards?

A final word as WO Warrington says, "Can't anyone else run a \*&)#! range practice?"



*At home in Wainwright – WO Oakes  
and MCpl Cameron shiver  
in a split hairpin trench –  
January 1989.*



*Ex Noble Patricia – Lt Gill issues patrol orders –  
Dundurn, October 1989.*



*Ex Noble Patricia – Pte Edwards and MCpl Plantz –  
the Pause that refreshes.*



*Pte Gillis and Sergeant Seggie on the HMG –  
Wainwright, January 1989.*



*A Company Tank Stalk – Exercise Noble Patricia –  
Dundurn, October 1989.*



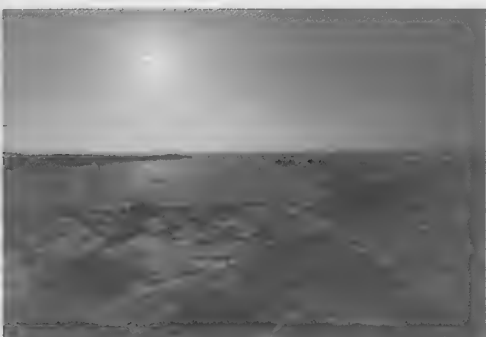
## B Company

by Capt T.H. Emck (RGJ)

**H**aving been directed, under pain of death or something far worse, to produce an article for the Patrician that was "clean, light and gossipy" concerning the Company activities over the last twelve months, I found myself understanding for the first time why a company needs a 2IC ... someone has to do the dirty work. The inescapable conclusion, in the introduction is that any check-list of exercises and endless repetition of personalities will undoubtedly be boring. Here it goes anyway!

It has been as busy a year for B Coy as ever, with a couple of notable exceptions. First, our trip to Spence Bay, N.W.T. in late February, and second the 75th Anniversary celebrations which were unique. The first of these, Spence Bay, was, for many of us, our first visit to the Arctic and much fun was had by all. It followed an interesting Battalion winter exercise at Wainwright characterized by the successful running battle against the Recce platoon, and by the incongruous battalion soviet-style night attack on the abattoir. As we slipped into spring, Exercise MAD DOG tested our mechanized drills on a short company live fire exercise at Suffield. Exercise RV89 will be remembered mainly for its duration, the sight of military police chasing individuals off the tent roof at the PPCLI band concert, MCpl Paquette giving a film crew an extremely hard time and the Divisional defensive exercise when B Coy saw more action in its "Coy O.P." than the rest of the Division put together.

B Company, like everyone else was extensively involved in preparation for the 75th Anniversary National Reunion celebrations. Individual and collective responsibilities included construction of the Better 'Ole, the erection of the large tents on Rifles Field, the provision of soldiers for the Trooping of the Colours, the separate guard formed for the Sunset Ceremony (and other tasks too many to mention). After summer leave, the company went to Dundurn, Saskatchewan with the rest of the Battalion on Ex NOBLE PATRICIA. Everyone enjoyed the chance to get back to basics. 4 platoon won the military skills competition. Over the year we have said goodbye to a number of individuals and hello to their replacements. One could go on and on – suffice it to say that the character of the company has remained unchanged, and we look forward to the exercises in Chilcotin and Norway in 1990.



*Spence Bay at Twilight, or was it noon hour?*



*Rush hour on Main Street, Spence Bay.*



*B Coy – Preparing to advance to contact down Blue Route – Wainwright, January 1989.*



*5 Platoon, finding North by consensus.*



*Pte Ives instructs Inuit children on the C9.*



*B Company live fire ambush, Exercise Noble Patricia – Dundurn, October 1989.*

## Charlie Company

*by Lt B.C. Nelson*

**A**nother year has come and gone. 1989 was a full one. There are many new faces in the company and we can certainly say Charlie Company is under new management with a new Company Commander, Second-in-Command and Sergeant-Major.

The 1988/89 training year started with Mountain School in the Kananaskis Country at the end of August. The company went through a progressive training schedule of; mountain walking, mountain climbing, descending scree runs, bridging, rappelling and mountain rescue.

With attention being given to personal skills, the company participated in the battalion's 18 day Battle School at the beginning of October. Training progressed from personal, section to platoon level live fire ranges. The ranges included clearing a tunnel with pistol and flashlight, close quarter combat range, pairs fire and movement, clearing a booby trapped line, section tank stalk, section quick attack and a platoon assault on a Soviet bunker/trench system. The two highlights were the platoon patrol competition and the platoon march and shoot competition, which 7 Platoon won.

In the autumn course cycle Charlie Company was responsible for the AVGP Course. The first two weeks of December 1988 saw the company do winter indoc in the Sarcee Training area. The guys went over tent routines, winter route marches, snowshoeing and the art of skiing on "Bangy-Boards".

After Christmas, we came out of hibernation for Ex Nordic Warrior in Wainwright. Among other things, the company conducted airfield security and each platoon went on a night live fire ambush patrol.

For winning the Platoon March and Shoot Competition in Dundurn the previous fall, 7 Platoon went with the 3rd Battalion to California to participate in Ex CALTROP 89. This was an ABCA Exercise, which stands for American, British, Canadian and Australian. The training included defensive operations for the Canadians and Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT). Throughout the exercise everyone was outfitted with MILES equipment. This proved to be quite realistic as long as the Americans kept their batteries in their sensor vests.

In May the company left with the battalion for Wainwright and trained in tank stalking, heliborne operations, section, platoon and company level attacks. The night life was highlighted by live music on stage at the smoker.

In June the Company conducted mountain training again. Basic mountaineering was emphasized with; mountain walks, route marches, rope bridging, and some technical climbing.

Moments worth remembering come along in the life of all regiments. This summer Charlie Company was heavily involved in the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the regiment. The men participated in the Trooping of the Colours and the Sunset Ceremony. Some of the troops also helped A Company with their display while the bulk of the company "Trooped".

From mid-August to the 6th of September our company lines were a ghost town.

Upon returning from leave we made ready for Ex Noble Patricia in Dundurn for three weeks evenly split between patrolling and live fire ranges. The patrol exercise was first rate with everyone picking up valuable training. We then went through the live fire ranges; tunnel range, booby trap, combat first-aid, close quarter jungle lane, pairs fire and movement, section woods clearing, section tank stalk and finally the platoon assault on a Soviet trench system. After a day to rest and clean up the last training item awaited us – the military skills competition (march and shoot). 7 Platoon had the honour of having the fastest time – 19 minutes ahead of the next fastest platoon. Even so, 7 Platoon came 3rd on the competition. A fraction of a point from 1st place. The exercise closed with a visit from Major-General Carstens of West Germany, the NATO AMF(L) Commander. C Company as key company for the Battalion will be working directly for AMF(L) HQ for part of our upcoming exercise in Norway in February 1990.

After Exercise Noble Patricia in Dundurn C Company spent the next three weeks in October conducting yet more mountain training and preparing for the Annual Technical Inspection (ATI). Major E.F. Reumiller worked it out so everyone had a chance to get to the mountains while the ATI preparation went on concurrently. Every couple of days those working on kit traded places with those on mountain training.

From the 30th of October until the 5th of December, we ran the Battalion Machine Gun Course. Besides training 36 people on the C6 in the light and sustained fire role, the .50 cal HMG and the C7 in the turret, Charlie Company gained great experience. As all the instructors came from our Company, our NCOs developed their skills on these important weapons.

With our Christmas party fast approaching, another year in the life of Charging Charlie comes to a close.



*RV 89 – Ready and Waiting. (L-R): MCpl Lowry, Pte Caranagh, Pte Jeffries and MCpl Laviolette.*



*RV 89 – Here We Go. Members of C Company load up for an attack.*



*75th Anniversary – Pte Eison of C Company and others defend Kapyong.*



*C Company – MCpl Exner briefs Pte Foster at ambush site, Ex Noble Patricia. (Probably directing him to the Regimental Kitshop.)*



*What do you mean we have to move again!  
MCpl George – C Company – Wainwright, January 1989.*



*Ex Noble Patricia – Here We Come! Members of C Company assault a Soviet trench system.*



# Combat Support Company – The Year In Review

by Lt J.M. Shorten

The year 1989 proved to be a busy yet productive time for Combat Support Company. Besides our regular exercises, the year was highlighted by RENDEZVOUS 89 and the 75th National Reunion.

Exercise POLAR WARRIOR was designed to put the "L" in the PPCLI, and in some cases this affected Combat Support. Our contribution took the form of support to a live fire airmobile raid and company ambush. Pioneers offered their expertise as an enemy force and Recce allowed themselves to be intercepted in an Adm Company hide. Sgt Walker of Mortar Platoon found out the hard way that it's easier to let the helicopter land first before you dismount.

All the platoons in the company found themselves running respective training courses. All workups for Exercise RV 89 paid off as Anti-Armour platoon set the best tracking record and placed second in the brigade live fire competition. The company's major task turned out to be the construction of the live fire defensive position for Exercise STERLING MANIPLE, for which most of the labour and expertise was provided by Pioneers and Mortars.

Preparations for the 75th Anniversary were never ending, however, all the hard work was not in vain. Members of the company found themselves with many different tasks, from pounding the parade square to filling sandbags for the Better 'Ole. There were good times to be had and several members of Mortar Platoon found themselves well "bedded in", in the Better 'Ole.

After a well deserved leave period, the company left a week before the rest of the battalion for Dundurn, Saskatchewan for the build up to Exercise NOBLE PATRICIA. After platoon training and completion of the personal weapons tests, we worked like madmen to finish a number of ranges that focused on everything from individual close quarter fighting, to platoon bunker destruction. Sgt Skibinsky was finally able to show the devious and cunning side of his personality at the booby trap range. Support was also given to the battalion patrol competition and the March and Shoot competition. The highlight came with a display that was put on for Commander AMF(L), Major-General Carstens.

In all, it has been a busy year with everyone working nonstop. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas leave and a bit of rest.



*MCpl Allan taking a few words of wisdom from MCpl Boland, CPO 53. RV 89.*



*Recce Platoon conducting rappell training in the Kananaskis Mountains during the Basic Patrolman's Course.*



*Pioneers making craters in Wainwright, RV 89.*

## Administration Company Exploits

by Capt P. Lemieux

**Y**es, this is undoubtedly that section of the Patrician that you have been longing to read! The words, exceptional skill, extremely well trained, outstanding morale, professionalism, dedication can be summed up in two words – Administration Company. Did I forget to mention that we are also humble and modest ...?

In January 1989, Administration Company decided to deploy to Wainwright to support the battalion winter exercise. All was going well until someone had the nerve to attack A echelon. Was this a joke!?! Imagine the disappointment of our attackers when we exited our tents yelling "Keep the noise down!! Can't a man get any sleep around here?" RV 89 was also an enjoyable exercise. The game RISK was played with much frequency and was used to hone our razor sharp battle skills. I don't know why we don't abolish black-out conditions at night time because it makes it difficult to see the pieces.

As anybody, who is somebody, knows, this summer we celebrated our 75th Anniversary. What fun we had! Administration Company was a stalwart supporter of all the social festivities of the 75th and much to the chagrin of the rifle companies, we just couldn't keep the girls away. I mean, who would you rather dance with – a suave and debonaire vehicle technician or a Carl Gustav operator? A handsome and well groomed supply technician or a C-6 gunner? Girls – you made the right choice! Remember us at the 100th Anniversary!

One of our crowning achievements this year was the French Grey Cup. We started the day by winning top marks for our float – a most realistic rendition of a Viking Long Ship. Granted our mermaid was "no great shakes" but we were VIKINGS, not GQ men – and could she wield a battle axe! The football game was well played but not even close. We clobbered them! (As good Vikings do.) I know we only won by one point in overtime but we were only toying with them before we dealt our death blow. Next time we hope the gods will send us competition worthy of true Vikings.

As we prepare for our upcoming exercise in Chilcotin and Norway (we wisely decided not to risk an ocean crossing in our long ship), we will of course take time to enjoy the Christmas season. Administration Company wishes all Patricias the very best in 1990! Cheers!



*Vikings in all their regalia (please excuse our mermaid).*



*Adm Company victory dance.*

## 1 PPCLI Mount Hamilton Gault Expedition

As part of the Regiment's 75th celebrations 1 PPCLI formed a mountain climbing team and sent it to the North West Territories to climb Mount Hamilton Gault. Following work up climbs in the Western Rockies the team then tackled Mount Hamilton Gault. The photograph below illustrates the routes taken by the team.

The team's story on the summit was brief due to a gathering electrical storm. The photograph shows team members atop Mt. Hamilton Gault.



*Routes taken by the 1 PPCLI team to the top of Mt. Hamilton Gault.*



*Team photo on Mt. Hamilton Gault. (L-R): Cpl Mijadel, Pte Cunningham, Sgt Gauvreau, Cpl Stegmeise, Cpl Walton and MCpl Denkowycz.*

## Change of Command

A picture is worth a thousand words. 1 PPCLI changes Command in a downpour the day after the 75th celebrations ended. LCol Romses leads the Battalion past LCol Kennedy on the dias. LCol Kennedy was posted to the Australian Staff College at Queenscliff and LCol Romses returned to the First Battalion following a staff tour in FMC.





## Sports

The First Battalion had a busy sports schedule in 1989. At the unit and sub-unit level the battalion participated in all major army sports. We shouldn't make too much of it, but the battalion ice hockey team put in a very convincing performance going on to win the Strong Contender Championship. In the battalion league, B Company was the only team to miss the winners circle. Adm Coy won the flag football, A Coy won floor hockey, Combat Support won soccer and C Company won at ice hockey. C Coy proved to be runners up in all sports.



*1 PPCLI Major Unit Hockey Champions, Exercise Strong Contender 89. The Battalion participated in all major sports this year with our hockey team having the greatest success beating out 1 Service Battalion in the Brigade Championship Game.*



*Heart stopping action in front of the net in overtime. Within seconds of this photo the puck was at the other end of the rink securely in Service Battalion's net.*

## 1 PPCLI Men's Christmas Dinner

By any stretch of the imagination 1989 was a hectic year for the First Battalion. A winter exercise, training courses, Exercise RV 89, hosting the 75th National Reunion celebrations, a Change of Command, fall exercise, more unit courses and winter indoctrination all helped to keep the Calgary Patricias busy. It was a good year.



*Two men who had a better year than the bird in front of them. The CO and RSM in a festive mood. Men's Christmas Dinner, 15 December, 1989.*



*The DCO, Major Goodspeed attempting to feed skeptical members of the Signals Platoon.*



*Fall concentration — trench clearing.*



*Freedom of the City.*

## SECOND BATTALION

Second Battalion's first full year at home in Winnipeg after four New Year Eves on NATO's Central Front proved, as expected, to be busy, poignant and dominated by the weather.

### Battle School

The Seventy-Fifth year officially began on the 10th of January at four a.m. (zero dark hundred) when the Battalion was recalled to garrison at the invitation of BGen Reay — Commander 1 CBG — to participate in the GOC's competitive "inspection". March discipline, tent group drills, shooting, armoured vehicle recognition, map symbols, first aid, NBC drills and other basic soldier skills were performed by all platoons for points. Of course, it was Winnipeg and -35 C. And, of course, Recce Platoon took top honours but not before Lt Gerhardt Hildebrandt established the standards for knots and lashings ("If you can't tie knots, tie lots").

The Battalion, well used to long tracked road moves, now decided to drive to Shilo where it could clear trenches, stalk tanks, patrol and put as many holes in figure targets as time and ammunition would allow. The drivers and maintainers still talk about that drive, much the same way Napoleon's boys must talk about the road from Moscow. Hammie Gault himself must have smiled to see this "light infantry" cursing and coddling its metal steeds. Perhaps they are what is meant by "irregular cavalry".



*Winter indoctrination — Shilo trench clearing.  
"Keep the noise down. Some of us are trying to sleep!"*



*Winter indoctrination — Shilo trench clearing.  
"Hot potato, you take it!!"*

The old skills came back quickly and the dark forests of Germany were soon forgotten on the cold clear crisp-aired prairie where a machine gunner can see so far he can see tomorrow coming. Judging distance was never quite mastered; everything was "two hundred meters, give or take a mile".





*A Company, December 1989.*

## Exercise Strong Contender

**F**ebruary stayed cool but 2 PPCLI became hot for STRONG CONTENDER 89 — the 1 CBG Gladiatorial School of Athletics. As usual, the highlights were the inter-battalion sports. Second Battalion marched off with overall honours and a championship volleyball team. No team placed less than second, although the change in altitude in the City of the Stanley Cup champions played havoc with the Rebels hockey team.



*B Company, December 1989.*

## More Exercises and Games

**T**here was very little time to rest on our laurels or polish trophies before the unit was once again squinting into the wind and judging ranges in Shilo. March came in like a lion and went out like a Polar bear. Many new faces from the Battle School were present for this one and perhaps worse than the cold were the insufferable stories (If you think this was cold, you should have been with us in '81). Eyelashes were barely unfrozen before we were into Regimental Day and Broom-i-loo. A cold, crisp morning saw the Battalion lined up to hear WO G.F. Collins recite his now famous rendition of the "Rac-a-Dam-Doo". Immediately after, the inter-company Broom-i-loo opened to high spirits, higher elbows and very high sticks. For the record, Combat Support Company emerged as champions and the officers and senior NCOs went into shoot-out overtime with the Warrant Officers and Sergeants uncharacteristically keeping their old legs functioning long enough in eight inches of snow to win. As one officer observed, it is foolish to start a rivalry with a man who outweighs you by 40 lbs. and sports a facial tattoo. Perhaps it was the broom-i-loo expertise that enabled the 2 PPCLI Floor Hockey team to clinch the 1989 Winnipeg championship this season.



*Winter indoctrination — Shilo live fire night defensive position. "This beats that laser light show I saw last weekend."*

## Skill At Arms

Someone obviously needed more field pay, so April saw the unit out in the sticks live firing again. Since the boys were quite capable of finding their way around Shilo by now, the unit headed to Dundurn and an exercise in night and gas. (Dundurn, where the map bears a superficial resemblance to the ground and did more with night and gas.) To enliven events, helicopters from 408 Squadron (Edmonton) were added so that each company could, in turn, slip the surly bonds of earth and learn to hum, "The Ride of the Valkyries", with a rotor backbeat. The memorable line — "Lost but making good time, over."



*Dundurn Battle School — live fire advance to contact. MCpl Dearing, "Go ahead ... make my day."*





*Kapyong Day — LCol Sutherland and Colonel Lee unveil the Kapyong Memorial.*



*Kapyong Day Parade — color party.*



*Honour Guard for Brigadier General Reay, COMD 1 CBG on Kapyong Day — Cpl Verzyl.*

## Kapyong

Saturday 22 April was warm but windy. At 1000 hrs (10 a.m. for the I.O.) the unit relived the Battle of Kapyong on a magnificent diorama and with a rapidly dissolving tri-screen slide show. Cpl M.S. Akins built the diorama which is now permanently on display in the men's dining hall of Kapyong Barracks. After lunch, the new Kapyong Memorial in front of the Second Battalion Officers' Mess was unveiled. The annual Kapyong Day Parade was held with Colonel Choul Hee Lee, Military Defense Attache to the Korean Ambassador in attendance. In keeping with tradition, the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation was read by a veteran, this time, Sgt Nick Oshanski. The old guard marched past and it was probably that warm spring wind that made everybody's eyes glisten.







*C Company, December 1989.*

## And More Games

**S**pring in Winnipeg this year was on a Tuesday afternoon. It slipped by almost unnoticed as unit sports teams marked a banner year. First, the Prairie Hockey and Floor Hockey Championships, then the Prairie Regional Basketball Championship and almost immediately after that the Prairie Regional Soccer Championships. Despite the busy operational schedule and the heady mix of Base/2 PPCLI athletes, all teams brought home the hardware and the Soccer team went on to bring home the Silver Medal in the National championships.

## Rendezvous '89



*Exercise Rendezvous '89 — Brigade TOW shoot.*

## Rendezvous '89 (continued)

If it is summer, then this must be Wainwright and the Divisional Concentration. The weeks of this exercise were a blur with images flashing by; the occasional mental snapshot frozen in time. The \$1500 TOW target prototype, designed to test the TOW gunners, being blown apart by the man it was designed to test; the two days of Ypres-like live fire trench defenses with smoke, fire, diesel fumes and respirators remembered vividly. Again, the throbbing of rotor blades and staring at your own shadow whistling across the earth fifteen feet below as another airmobile assault goes in. The laughter and the empty beer cans of three battalions of Patricias in a dusty field laid flat by a brigade of heavy tracks. The almost funny comedian. Mortars guessing the range. Recce guessing its position. Lower Slobovians retreating pell mell from A Coy. C Coy in a bridgehead. B Coy stacking ham omelets. The long road move with somebody, not just anybody but some body out of the order of march. The transport guys wearing full NBC kit to take an "infested" rifle company to the shower point. Yanks with tanks on the flanks. Battalion HQ eight feet underground (but the Adjutant left outside). The way it all ended; not with a bang but with a "move now". Stacking the vehicles for a fall return. Dropping canvas and dismantling the RSM's gate. Picking up box lunches. The "I can't believe it's already been five weeks; it felt like ten" remarks. The Battalion was due back in Winnipeg; back on the square; back to pressing and shining.



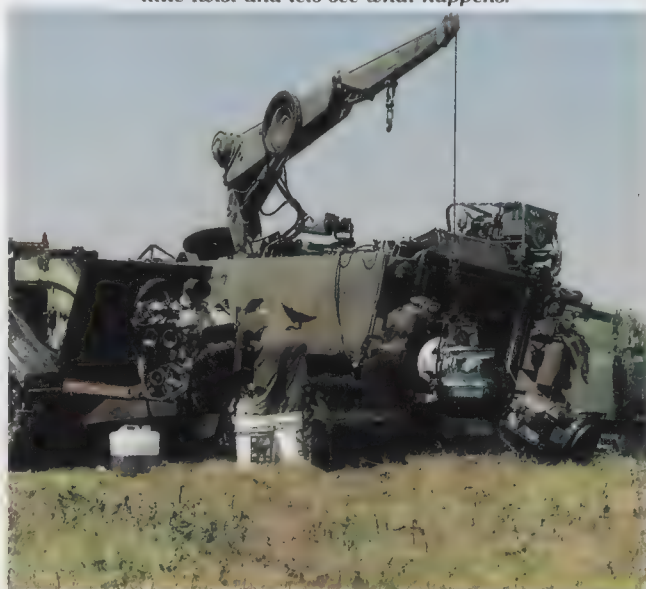
*Exercise Rendezvous '89 — Battalion helicopter Ops.*



*Exercise Rendezvous '89 — Mortar Platoon live fire.  
(L-R): Cpl Plante and Cpl Murante. "Just give this thing here a little twist and lets see what happens!"*



*Exercise Rendezvous '89 — regimental party.*



*Exercise Rendezvous '89 — Maintenance Platoon personnel replace a power pack in an M-113. "The connecting rod connects to the piston ... or is it the valve?"*





*Combat Support, December 1989.*

## Freedom of The City of Winnipeg

The long association of the Regiment with Winnipeg was celebrated on the 24th of June when the Second Battalion "with drums beating, bayonets fixed and colours flying" exercised its freedom of the city. Freedom Weekend reaffirmed the Regimental link with a march from Mayor William Norrie's office down Main Street and along Portage Avenue. A bronze plaque mounted at the entrance to City Hall commemorates the event. That inescapable Winnipeg weather provided a memorable storm to prevent the sequel parade that afternoon although WO G.F. Collins and the drill team soldiered through to receive a standing ovation from the crowd. Sunday the 25th saw the Battalion with the Regimental Band, a selection of vehicles and a float in the Red River Parade. The weekend was topped off with a traditional Family Day of barbecuing, APC rides and displays.

Before the shine could wear off the boots and garrison time dull the edge, the Battalion assembled one more time in Winnipeg before the National Reunion. It was to bid adieu to RSM Mike Downey, MMM, CD, after three memorable years as RSM and to welcome CWO Gerry Franc, CD, as the new RSM of the "Second-to-None" gang. (Old pictures show both these gentlemen began their careers some decades or so ago in the same funny hat. Were they roommates in depot?)



*LCol Sutherland unveils the plaque presented by the Battalion to the City of Winnipeg during the Freedom of the City.*





*Administrative Company, December 1989.*



*Change of RSMs.*



*LCol Sutherland greets RSM Franc.*



*"The Dogs of War".*

## NRQS

**A**s soon as the crunch of drill boots was heard in Kap-yong, B Coy stole away for five weeks of thundering up and down the Wainwright training area to allow the militia captains of the National Rank Qualifying School a turn at the helm of the B Coy war machine. This chance to "play with all the toys" was a full learning experience for militia commander hopefuls and wannabees and most understood that "Bunnies", "Fighting Tiggers" and "Permanent Depth" are not the standard 2 PPCLI call-signs.



*Shilo, Cpl Sergeant.*

## National Reunion in Calgary

**T**he two Regimental Guards provided by Second Battalion were first off to the arena where the gods of drill hold court. Glass-like boots and trouser creases so sharp you could draw seven days light duty just putting them on were the norm. Sometime during that square bashing, the officers wandered in and made life dangerous by flicking sword blades around the guards. The weather held for this one. By 10 August the remainder of Patricias from Winnipeg, including Jimmy Vaughan, were turning up at the Better 'Ole and slapping the backs of everyone they knew. The displays, parties and ceremonies were fantastic and the moment when the "new" guard marched off the Trooping and though the old guard will be remembered forever by all that saw it. Some even claimed that the left marker of three guard was audibly sobbing by that stage. After the parade, Col J.R. (Big Jim) Stone spoke to the Second Battalion gang and again another weave of the regimental fabric was in place.

The boys left Calgary with a warm, satisfied feeling and counting the days until pay-day and leave.



*Second Battalion guard, led by Major Eckley, during the Ottawa ceremonies.*

## Ottawa and Ceremony

**L**ease passed all too quickly and soon A Company was back in the field (this time Ontario) on something called Expert Angler that saw its members dangling from cliff faces by thin ropes and developing distinctly tourist habits in and on the local lakes. But this was just a preamble, for A Company's real job was in Ottawa where on 9 September, they represented the Regiment in a combined Patricia-Van Doo, Parliament Hill Ceremony. Again, it was magnificent and in several respects, unique. Major Mark Eckley is likely the only serving Patricia field officer who has followed a goat on parade (and has the boots to prove it). The A Company guard stayed in the National Capital long enough to see the Patricia stamp launched, the War Museum display opened and the Patricia 1919 return re-enacted. On return to Winnipeg, the final memorable piece of news was that the weather was holding at sunny and warm.





*Fall concentration — live fire night shoot.*

## Fallcon

And it continued to hold Indian summer right through the fall unit concentration in Wainwright. Two more weeks were spent digging, shooting, patrolling, ambushing and recovering vehicles. The transport crowd, by now, were capable of delivering the Battalion anywhere on the prairies using obvious landmarks such as gopher holes, the tree, the pot-hole, the place where OC Adm spent 40 minutes with a Playboy, etc. Maintenance on the other hand was developing its capability to produce MLVW generated smoke screens and personnel were even seen Rambo-running and this year Mortar Platoon completed its battle efficiency test on a six foot wall with no toe-holes in it! Pioneers impressed all with its ability to build three bedroom bungalows — underground and without work orders.



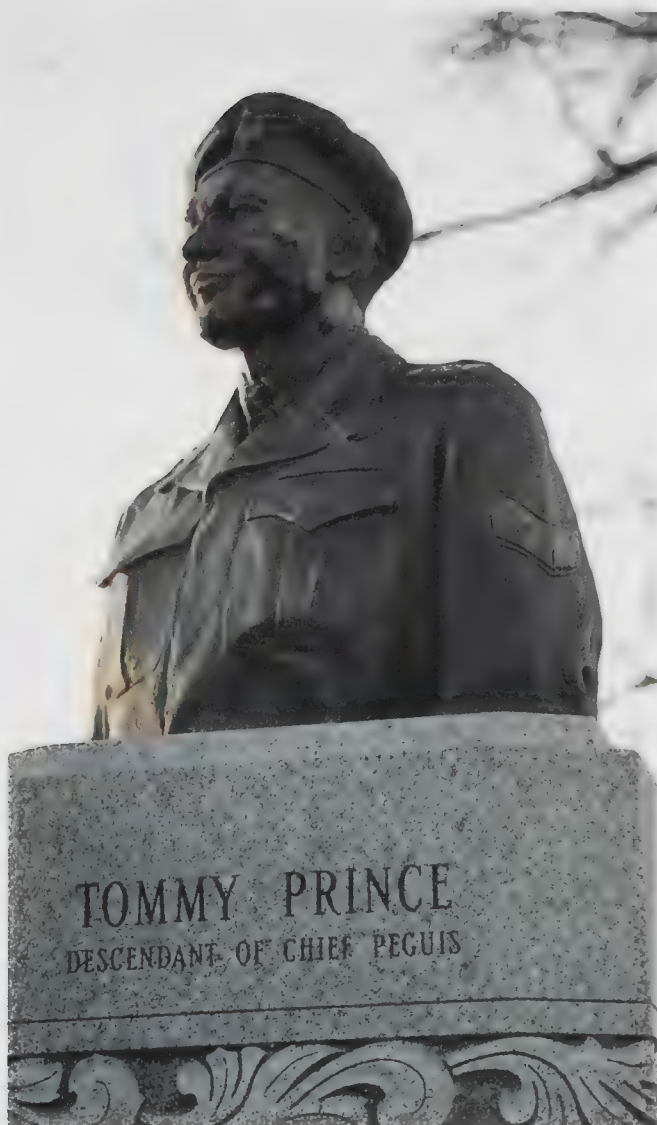
*Fall concentration — woods clearing.  
"Where the hell did that rabbit get to?"*





## Courses and Year End Ceremonies

The weather remained balmy and gentle almost until Remembrance Day, allowing the fall courses to be conducted under almost ideal circumstances. Signallers, TOW gunners, pioneers, machine gunners and drivers were produced in sufficient quantity to get the Battalion through next year's UNFICYP Tour. Wainwright and Shilo will be added to most soldier's tax forms for 1989 as dependents.



November 11th will probably be remembered as the first real day of winter (which means fall this year was the afternoon of November 10th). On that crisp, clear day the unit Remembered its sacrifices in several ceremonies. Near 11 a.m. four companies held a Battalion service at Kapyong Barracks and read from the Roll of Honour while Adm Company paraded at the Winnipeg Convention Centre as part of the City program. That afternoon the Second Battalion, in conjunction with the Lord Selkirk Society, unveiled a statue in memory of Sgt Tommy Prince in Kildonan Park. The bust stands near the statue of Chief Peguis, Sgt Prince's famous grandfather. Sunday the 12th saw a unit guard parade with the Association at the Winnipeg Cenotaph while small contingents of Battalion soldiers represented the Regiment at small towns and schools in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.





*Freedom of the City.*



*"Where's that gopher?"*

## More Courses, More Sports, More Duty, More Honour

The Battalion now settled into winter routine which meant playing the French Grey Cup on an iced field with a 1600 wind chill factor in the best played, tightest game in years. Soccer and baseball finals were played under the same conditions. It was probably more than mere coincidence that the Berlin Wall was coming down as this tenacity, spirit and lack of concern for the elements was being demonstrated by the Regiment's Central Front Battalion. The courses wound down and more drafts disappeared off to Wainwright to produce the next generation of Patricias. The new Brigade Commander, BGen Brian Vernon, CD, came east to verify weather reports and discovered that Manitoba, despite the mercury levels in thermometers still has more hours of sunshine per year than anywhere else in the country.

The Seventy-fifth year ended quietly for Second Battalion on 15 December at the annual men's Christmas Dinner where all the old traditions were befittingly maintained. On completion of the awards, the formal carving of the turkey and the issue of Regimental Blue, the Battalion issued leave passes. This was more than Christmas leave, it was a rest and family time before the Battalion heads for Cyprus. Family time — in both the domestic and Regimental senses of the word — has been important to the unit in this year. With the hectic schedule, many members of the Battalion were active in ensuring the families were not left out of the special events or indeed disserved by them. Honourable mention in 1989 must therefore go not only to the officers and men of the unit who so willingly gave of their time for Family Days, Terry Fox Day, charity efforts, displays, Sunday Brunches and so on, but especially to the wives Breakaway Club for its excellent efforts in support of the families and to the Winnipeg Regimental Association for its unfailing, enthusiastic support to all Battalion endeavours and to its old black magic that is so obviously manifest when the Old Guard parades.

Meanwhile, the weather here in Manitoba is untypically predictable.





"... and you purse your lips like this and blow ..."



"That's right, the one with the three rings — then you say 'Patricias' ..."



"Now stop me if you've heard this one!"



"Any minute now he's gonna snap out of that trance."



"Speed bumps ... we'll show them speed bumps."



"So I said, you haven't got enough escorts to march us all in."



"Let me finish this song and you can have the comic."



"Hey, aren't those the targets over there?"



## 75th ANNIVERSARY A PICTORIAL TOUR!



*The Better 'Ole. Thousands used this as a rendezvous point during the weekend.*



*Patricia Blue was in great demand.*



*War stories were great in number.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief with World War I Patricia Veterans. Front Row (L-R): Jimmy Vaughan, John Loy, Lady Patricia, Mathew McGuire, John Wallace. Back Row (L-R): Wilfred Madden, George Judge, Gordon Hurlbert.*



*More scrip, please!*



*Lady Patricia in discussion with two members of the Regiment.*





*12 August, 1989: The crowd anxiously awaits the Regimental Trooping.*



*The Corps of Drums of the First and Third Battalions, led by (L) Drum Major D. MacIsaac, 1 PPCLI and (R) Drum Major H.O. Leduc, 3 PPCLI.*



*12 August, 1989: The officers on parade.*



*The Guard Sergeants-Major.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief inspects the Guards, accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen R.S. Graham, CD, and LCol V.W. Kennedy, OMM, CD, Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI.*



*The Drum Majors of the Regimental Band and the Battalion's lead the Massed Bands and Corps of Drums.*



*MWO B. Scott and Sgt D. Graham prepare to defend the Regimental Colours.*



*12 August, 1989: The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums pay tribute to the Regimental Colours.*



*A Regimental Pioneer exemplifies the high standard of the Regiment.*



*The RSM of 1 PPCLI, CWO M.C. Ritchie, CD, hands the Regimental Colour to Lt Chura.*



*Number 5 Guard forms in quick time.*



*A few of the old guard enjoy the trooping.*





*MGen (retired) H.C. Pitts leads the 'Old Guard' on their march past during the Regimental Trooping.*



*The City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band leads the 'Old Guard' in their march past.*



*Colonel J.D. Joly, D Comd 1 CBG, briefs the Colonel-in-Chief on the Museum of the Regiments.*



*Dancing to 'Golden Oldies'.*



*Dancing to Country and Western music, supplied by "The Good Brothers".*



*The Colonel-in-Chief with the Colonels of the Regiment.*

*The Colonel-in-Chief presents Major (retired) R. Middleton, President of the PPCLI Association, a Regimental gift.*



*1914 to the present: uniforms that Patricias have worn.*



## THIRD BATTALION

### Caltrop Force

*by Lt G.R.J. Carter*

**T**he 3rd Battalion, forsaking sunny Victoria for even sunner California, ventured south to Fort Ord/Fort Hunter-Leggitt for some fun with our American, Brit and Aussie allies.

The Battalion deployed by road, rail and C130 for Exercise CALTROP FORCE, March 5 - April 4, 1989. Having settled in to quarters, the companies deployed to the Fort Ord training area to shake out those "UN bugs" and conduct dismounted training, some of which involved airmobile refresher with the US Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

Upon completion of company training, the Battalion deployed on a 36 hour, fast paced battalion exercise, Exercise GRIZZLY BARE. Two American platoons made up the enemy force and were led and organized by our local left wing, granola-eating liberal, Capt Dan Drew. The exercise enabled the Battalion to practice those phases of war which were to be conducted on Exercise CALTROP FORCE.

Exercise CALTROP FORCE, 17-28 March 1989 was an exercise designed to test the inter-operability of the four allies in all phases of dismounted operations, and to evaluate standardization procedures. The exercise started with much excitement due to an air mobile operation by BLACKHAWK helicopters into a landing zone from which the Battalion dispersed to company defensive points. Defence against 'what' we haven't determined yet, since the enemy force (an American Battalion) was not to be seen. Indeed, except for a few brief encounters (mainly with Battalion Headquarters), the enemy chose to stay clear of 3 PPCLI (must have been our fierce reputation). Despite a lack of action, the rifle companies did manage to relieve their frustrations in certain ways. A platoon from B Company hauled a friendly American engineer troop up out of the bag during one rainy night and abused them until they heard the correct password. RSM Stinson and MCpl Gebhardt also put on a karate and tackling demo for the enemy, much to their astonishment.

Frustrating as it was not to have an active enemy force, the exercise was useful in allowing the Battalion to shake out and practice that good infantry stuff, in preparation for Exercise RV 89.



*MCpl Moggy bears the Medic's burden.*



*Soldiers of the ABCA Bde – MCpl Taminga (second from right) stands alongside his American, British and Australian counterparts.*





*MCpl Taminga shows that winning form that got him on the cover of SOLDIER Magazine.*



*Capt Pat (TC) Henneberry takes part in a rappelling evaluation.*



*Pte Koufoudakis and MCpl Weber man the .50 cal trench.*



*Sgt Bob Murphy (left) and Lt Doug Delaney scanning for an elusive enemy.*



*Maj Dave Fraser takes a few minutes to clean his weapon.*



## Exercise RV 89 (or "A Slow Death")

by Capt G.R.J. Carter

No doubt the rucksack marches through Esquimalt has told you something, the Infantry have returned.

Exercise RV 89 went from torrent to trickle. Upon arrival the companies launched right into the company and combat team training. This proved valuable as this was the first mechanized exercise undertaken by 3 PPCLI as a battalion since Exercise RV 87. It also proved interesting since we were able to link up with the US M-1 Abram tanks. On "the side" there were several other activities such as a live TOW shoot by Armoured Defence Platoon, Mortar Platoon linking up with our affiliated battery, Recce doing helicopter repelling, sniper stalks, and other "deep undercover work", and Pioneers having made a KOLDITZ castle style PW cage. Combat Support Company ran an AVGP swim to prove that 3 PPCLI can sail with the best of them.

After a 12 hour battalion exercise which tested the Battalion as a whole in tactical movement, the companies took part in Exercise STERLING MANIPLE. This involved a company relief in place, followed by a day and night live shoot including artillery, mortars and the US M-1 Abram tanks. The effect was spectacular and the soldiers were given a renewed confidence in their weapons.

The brigade exercise, Exercise NOBLE RAM followed with emphasis on an assault river crossing. The divisional exercise, Exercise MAGNUM WARRIOR concentrated on the defence. It can only be assumed that, due to the lack of enemy presence in 3 PPCLI's sector, that our fearsome reputation followed us from our last outing in California on Exercise CALTROP FORCE.



*MCpl Turtle of Mortar Platoon cams up on Exercise RV 89.*



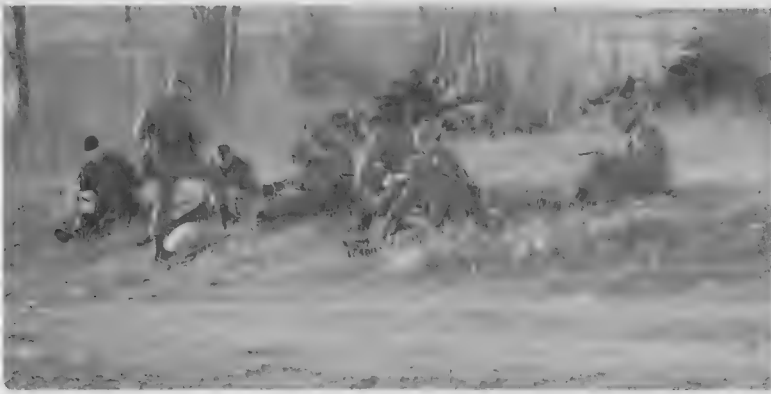
*MCpl Cook of 1 Platoon, A Company during an advance to contact.*



*Lt Chris Barr, Armoured Defence Platoon Commander, pops his head out of his track*



*Pte Hubley (left), Lt Corbould (center), and Pte Stewart of 2 Platoon A Company take part in Combat Team Training with the US M-1 Tanks.*



*OC B Company, Maj Mike English (standing) gives orders for a bridge demolition guard.*



*Capt Kerr, Pioneer Platoon Commander, oversees some bridging work.*

## 3 PPCLI Celebrates 75th Anniversary

*by Capt G.R.J. Carter*

**T**he Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry celebrated its 75th Anniversary locally in style and panache, with two Freedom of the City Parades.

The two Freedom of the City Parades were conducted under a bright sky in front of appreciative crowds at the Victoria and the Esquimalt City Halls. Both Mayor Brewin and Mayor Warder inspected the Guards in front of their respective city halls, with presentations and proclamations following.

Upon completion of the parades, the battalion put on an Open House for the public, which turned out to be fun for all ages. The "combat scene" starring Recce Platoon, the parachute free fall demo, and the unarmed combat demo delighted all, though the kids were more interested in the Grizzly rides and Sgt Dumas' display of booby traps. All ranks put in an excellent effort which exemplified the professionalism of the Patricias of the Third Battalion.



*LCol H.F. Elliott escorts Mayor Warder of Esquimalt during the Freedom of the City Parade on 21 June, 1989.*



*Marching down Douglas Street, LCol Elliott (right) leads the Guards during the Freedom of the City of Victoria Parade.*



*LCol Elliott escorting Mayor Brewin of Victoria as she reviews the troops during the Freedom of the City Parade.*



*Drum Major, WO H.O. Leduc, leads the Corps of Drums during the Freedom of the City of Esquimalt Parade.*





*MCpl Dodds and Cpl Willie put on a show with the Corps of Drums at Beacon Hill Park.*



*Pte Steward of 6 Platoon, B Company tries to recruit newcomers with the .50 cal during the Open House.*



*Pte Woodridge hams it up for a few onlookers at an Open House Display.*



*Pte Boucher (left) and Pte Duprey (right) in Old Garb during the Open House.*

## Regimental Trooping – 1 July, 1989

*by Capt G.R.J. Carter*

On the 1st of July, the Third Battalion held a Trooping of the Colour Ceremony at University of Victoria's Centennial Stadium as part of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebrations. The sky was clear, and the sun beamed down upon the grassy field as the crowd sat waiting expectantly for the start of the anniversary ceremonies. Weeks of drill practices, of sweat, aches and pains, of anger, disappointment and frustration, all lead to this day.

With a beat of a drum, the ceremony started. Musical interludes by both the Third Battalion's Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band started the program. The music was excellent and the crowd receptive. Following the musical introduction was the main event, the Trooping. The crowd was hushed and attentive as the Battalion marched up, lead by the Regimental Band. The Old Guard members sat in silent pride as they watched the Battalion march, reminiscent of years past. The Trooping was outstanding, much to the delight of the Reviewing Officer, the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General R.S. Graham and the many guests, family and friends. Along with the Colonel of the Regiment, there were a host of other Regimental dignitaries in attendance at the ceremony. The Battalion was graced with the attendance of Major-General G.M. Reay, MBE, CD and two World War One veterans, Captain (Retired) A.A. Bates and Mr. J. Loy. After the inspection and Trooping of the Colour, Brigadier-General R.S. Graham passed on Lady Patricia's blessing and a "well done" to the Battalion. The crowning touch of the Trooping ceremony was the march past of the Old Guard under the guidance of Capt F. Carrierre, CD.

The Trooping ceremonies were followed by formal festivities in the Officers' and Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and a seventy-fifth celebration event at the Junior Ranks Mess. The Third Battalion would like to thank all those personnel who helped in making the ceremonies of the First of July a success.



*The Third Battalion Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band strut their stuff for an appreciative crowd at the University of Victoria Stadium.*



*Two Guard (foreground) and the Escort to the Colour stand tall following the dressing.*



*Maj Ross McLaughlin stands tall in front of the Escort to the Colour during the Trooping of 1 July 1989.*



*Precision – The Guards of 3 PPCLI execute forms on the march.*



*The Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General R.S. Graham, CD salutes as the troops march past. Major-General C.B. Ware, DSO, CD also looks on.*





*The crowning touch. The Old Guard marches past.*



*Four Guard marches past in slow time.*

## PPCLI Ridge Named

*by Maj D.A. Fraser*

On August the 23rd members of the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry climbing expedition successfully scaled and named PPCLI Ridge. This was the culmination of months of planning in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the regiment.

The expedition consisted of Major D. Fraser, Warrant Officer Berridge, Master Corporal Officer, Master Corporal Corbett and Private Preus. The team staged out of CFB Comox by Buffalo Aircraft to a dirt air strip at the head of Butte Inlet. From there they were ferried into the climb site (near Washington Mountain Range on the Mainland) by Labrador Helicopter flown by 442 Squadron Base at Comox. After several days of poor weather the team was fortunate that the weather broke long enough for a successful climb. The Ridge, some three kilometres long and averaging 9000 feet includes Homathko Peak and Endeavour Mountain. The climb capped off a busy schedule of anniversary events conducted by the Battalion.



*MCpl Officer negotiates an overhang.*



*WO "Mad Mike" Berridge holds the VP on top of PPCLI Ridge.*



## Patricia Wins Queen's Medal

*by Sgt G.F. Trelbuk*

**S**ergeant Stephen G. Hitchcock of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Work Point Barracks, Victoria, British Columbia won the prestigious Queen's Medal for champion shots this year. Sergeant Hitchcock won the medal at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) which is held annually at Connaught Ranges Ottawa from approximately 25 June to 4 August.

Sgt Hitchcock, firing the new C7 5.56 mm assault rifle finished with an aggregate score of 686 out of 755 to capture the award. At the completion of two stages of shooting over four days of rifle matches, Sgt Hitchcock was tied with fellow team member Pte Steve Wills also of 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. That result required a show-down, shoot-off at 500 meters by firing two sighting shots and ten shots for score deliberate fire. The event determined the winner of the Queen's Medal.

It was a nervous moment for both shooters with the remaining 200 competitors watching and keeping track of the results of each shot. Sgt Hitchcock narrowly edged out Pte Wills 46 to 45 out of 50. Hats off to Wills, whom we are sure will be at the top again in 1990. 3 PPCLI continues to dominate the shooting scene. Laurels include sweeps this year at 1 Corps and Fort Lewis matches in the US, British Columbia Rifle Association matches at Chilliwack and twenty major awards at CFSAC 89.

In addition, shooters from 3 PPCLI captured seven major awards at Bisley, UK during the National Rifle Association matches this year. Patricias celebrate 75 years of history and tradition that includes adherence to fine marksmanship. One King's Medal, Seven Queen's Medals and a Commonwealth Champion are attributed to the marksmanship skills of the Patricia soldierier.



*LCol Stutt and Capt Lundy visiting the German Winter Warfare School in Mittenwald, West Germany. Accompanied by OTI. Manschke, in the middle, the School Commandant.*



*Sgt Hitchcock fires for the Queen's Medal.*



*Lieutenant-Colonel Hap Stutt and Captain Dave Niles at the second water point at the Yomp.*

## Fall Training – Fort Lewis Rotation

*by Lt D.E. Delaney*

**I**n October and November the Rifle Companies of the Third Herd rotated through Fort Lewis, Washington for two weeks each, as did the support platoons.

Both dry fire and live fire training was conducted. For the most part, the first three days of the deployment centred upon dry training which emphasized section and platoon battle drills. The first few days also presented a good opportunity for all ranks to further their patrol skills in both Recce and Fighting Patrols. Some made good use of the excellent FIBUA facility during this period as well.

The rest of the deployment for the rifle companies was dedicated to live fire which ranged from pairs, through section and up to platoon level live fire ranges. Also, the Tire Village did not escape the bullets and grenades of the Third Battalion as live fire FIBUA training was conducted as well.

At the end of the rotation, all ranks agreed that the Fort Lewis deployment was useful and even a little fun now and then.

## Physical Test Competition

by 2Lt M.R. Gagne

**D**ecember 4th and 5th, 1989 saw the completion of a physical fitness test for 3 PPCLI in its entirety (less the odd member away on tasking or otherwise incapable of participating). Held in the vicinity of Macauley Point Gym at Work Point Barracks, the test included a number of events designed to measure muscular endurance, strength, and intestinal fortitude. A two-mile time run, followed by a maximum number of chin-ups, push-ups, and sit-ups were the instruments of this test. A scoring system for the test was adopted from a US Military fitness test of the same nature whereby each event is scored out of 100 points (in relation to the participant's age) for a maximum total of 400 points.

While many of the participants fared well on the test, only nine scored the highest possible score. These include 2Lt Allen, 2Lt Englesby, Sgt Gates, MCpl Macaulay, MCpl Taylor, and Pte Lindsay, Smith, Porter, and Thurston. The best platoon average fell to B Company's 4 Platoon commanded by 2Lt Gilligan.

## Ex Valiant Warrior Marksmanship Competition

by 2Lt C.S. Allen

**I**n typical Victoria fashion, December can be cool and very wet. This year was no exception when on the 6th and 7th of December 3 PPCLI conducted the marksmanship portion of the inter-platoon competition, Exercise VALIANT WARRIOR. The shoot was held at Heals Range and consisted of the run down portion of the Personal Weapons Test.

The range was quite muddy, with veritable ponds of water between the firing points. This made the run down quite a spectacle to watch, but of course there are no obstacles to dismounted infantry ... When all was said and done, 10 Platoon (the Rifle Team, by the way) easily walked away with the best scores.



*3 Platoon negotiates a few minor water obstacles during the run down.*



*MCpl Little looks on as Safety NCO during the Marksmanship Competition.*

## Forced March Competition

by Lt D.E. Delaney

**O**n 11 and 12 December the battalion held its First Annual Forced March Competition. For two days the citizens of the Metchosin area saw a seemingly endless stream of platoons pounding out a gruelling ten mile course with 45 lb. ruck sacks.

Once the troops crossed the finish line they were treated to a military skills competition which included such subjects as navigation, AFV recognition, first aid and NBCD. When it all came out of the wash 4 Platoon, under the command of Lt Bart Gilligan, were the victors.



*Slugging it out (L-R): Pte Orwick, Pte Avey, Pte Everett, and Pte Carmen.*



*"It's just over the next hill - HONEST!"*



*1 Platoon pauses to lighten their load after completing the march.*

## Christmas Hockey

*by 2Lt A. Holden*

**O**n December 14, in preparation for the much awaited Christmas Holidays, 3 PPCLI held two hockey games; one between the Corporals/Master Corporals and Privates and the other between the Senior NCOs and the Officers.

After starting out to be somewhat one sided the privates managed to rally and make a game of it, but in the end the Corporals/Master Corporals proved to be too strong, winning 6-4.

The Officer vs Senior NCO game served to underline the excellent working relationship that exists, as the penalty box was never used. It was just like being at a Philadelphia game. The Officers team also proved that previous experience was not necessary and that one doesn't even need to use the boards to stop as long as the players on the bench move aside. The Officers ultimately triumphed by a score of 3-0.

Following these hard-fought matches, all ranks retired to the MacCauley Gym for the Christmas reception prior to departing on leave.



*The victorious Officers.*



*The NCOs.*





*LCol Elliott bids farewell to RSM Stinson on his retirement.*



*LCol Elliott places a wreath at the War Memorial in Remembrance.*



*Sgt Greeley defends the "Vital Ground" during RV 89.*



*Physical training Third Battalion Style. Lt Bart Gilligan (right foreground) and 4 Pl head out on Physical Training. By the way, this picture was taken in December.*



*Maj Stan Willow leads his Guard during a Remembrance Day Parade in Victoria.*

### 3 PPCLI Officers



*Third Row (L-R): Lt R. Blume, Lt R. Paynter, 2Lt T. Strickland, 2Lt C. Smith, Lt C. Barr, Lt D. Botari, 2Lt C. Allen, 2Lt B. Gilligan, 2Lt W. Englesby, 2Lt A. Holden.*

*Second Row (L-R): Capt G. Benjamin, Capt W. Moulaison, Lt P. Weir, Capt K. Moore, Capt Y. Bertrand, Capt J. Langen, Lt(N) M. Canning, Capt P. Henneberry, Capt F. Wight, Lt D. Corbould.*

*First Row (L-R): Capt C. King, Capt K. MacDonald, Maj S. Willow, Maj T. Dillenberg, LCol H.F. Elliott, Maj J. Flaman, Maj M. English, Maj M. Douglas, Capt D. Barr.*

*Missing: Maj D. Fraser, Capt M. Gerenda, Capt P. Hale, Lt D. Delaney, Lt J. Fitzgerald, 2Lt M. Gagne, 2Lt K. Gentles, Lt R. Hewson, Capt W. Hirlehey, Capt J. Lasalle, Lt K. McIntosh, Lt D. Veron, Capt M. Vernon.*

### 3 PPCLI Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers



*Third Row (L-R): Sgt K.W. Lloyd, Sgt J.A. Cutting, WO H.O. Leduc, WO R.A. Laws, WO G.J. Boyle, PO2 H.V. Soso, Sgt R.A. Dymond, Sgt D.R. Bradley, Sgt N.G. Stone, Sgt W.R. Murphy, Sgt B.G. Ferguson, WO W.F. Black, WO T.P. Malcolm, WO D.W. Connick, WO E.A. Ballinger, Sgt J.A. Sarginson, Sgt R.A. Murphy, Sgt J.R. Spence, Sgt K.K. Faulconbridge, WO G.F. Topham, Sgt J.D. Marshall.*

*Second Row (L-R): WO D.D. Ames, Sgt R.A. Janfield, WO C.J. Tombu, Sgt S.R. Morris, Sgt A.P. Simon, Sgt A.J. King, Sgt S.J. Wood, Sgt D.R. Weathers, Sgt B.D. Gates, Sgt B.M. Toupin, WO A.M. Clarke, Sgt J.L. Blais, Sgt K.J. Grandmaison, Sgt J.T. Penney, WO R.C.W. Buchanan, Sgt W.A. Johnson, Sgt S.E. Greeley, Sgt I.D. Gardiner, Sgt P.W. Langford, Sgt G.F. Treluk, WO A.M. Cromwell, PO K.N. Hanlan.*

*First Row (Standing) (L-R): WO A.W. Palamar, Sgt H.A. O'Keefe, Sgt F.W. McKenzie, Sgt C.A. Noyes, Sgt K.M. McNeil, Sgt M.B. Instance, WO H.J. MacDonald, WO J.B. Sheppard, Sgt J.D. Guitard, WO M.E.C. Berridge, Sgt D.J. Hitcock, Sgt S.A. Bidwell, WO E.D. Whitebone, Sgt L.T. Wood, WO J.T. Tobin, Sgt J.H. Howes, Sgt G.T. Smith, Sgt J.M. Trolley, Sgt R. Overy, Sgt R.L. Girden, Sgt J.T. Towers.*

*Front Row (Seated) (L-R): MWO D.R. Miles, MWO T.H. Dobson, MWO J.G. Rozon, MWO R.V. Cooke, CWO G.J. Arndt, MWO K. Flowers, MWO D.G. Cruickshank, MWO G.P. Lovett, MWO M.G. Green.*

*Missing: MWO J.B. MacLeod, WO J.E. Culleton, WO D.C. Haines, WO A.M. Kolotylo, WO F.E. Porter, Sgt G.T. Baird, Sgt M.D. Bondeson, Sgt R.R.J. Dumas, Sgt G.P.J. Leonard, Sgt K.R. Murphy, Sgt W.F. Olson, Sgt G.J. Patterson, Sgt W.C. Sears, Sgt N.A. Swift.*



## A Company



- Back Row (L-R):** Pte J.D. Davies, Cpl B.J.R. Hagyard, Pte A.G. Everett, Pte A.G. Dolhan, Pte J.B. Palmer, Cpl B.A. Allbury, Pte W.J. Lepatourel, Pte T.K. Bayly, Pte K.B. McGuinness, Cpl G.R. Knowles, MCpl J.E. Butler, Pte W.J. Robertson, Pte J.D. MacLeod, Pte W.A. Graham, Pte P.A. Brunes, Pte P.A. Holland, Pte J.D. Bransfield, Pte G.R. Lehmann, Pte R.A. Charette.
- Third Row (L-R):** MS R.J. Bandura, Pte C.M. Essar, Pte D.A. Paul, MCpl S.M. Pollock, Pte D.F. Hamilton, MCpl T.B. D'Andrade, Pte B.C. Barnes, MCpl R.L. Davey, MCpl K.W. Fisher, Cpl K.G. Green, MCpl M.V. Aarbo, Pte F.W. Schwenzer, Pte M.R. Allen, MCpl C.R. Murray, Pte C.T. Thombs, MCpl K.E. Kilmury, MCpl G.A. Officer, Pte T. Avey, Pte M.R. Orwick, MCpl R.K. Jones, MCpl S.J. Taylor.
- Second Row (L-R):** Pte L.E. Atkins, Pte A.S. Whythe, Pte J.N.L. Thibodeau, Pte D.A. Costin, Cpl W.L. Cox, Pte H.A. Eastwood, Pte H.L. Robichaud, Pte R.B. Hubley, Pte B.C. Richards, Pte T.W. Fletcher, Pte D.E. Haggerty, Pte T.J. Carstarirs, Pte K.D. Goetz, Pte J.D. Burtch, Pte S.P. Clare, MCpl D.W. MacDonald, Pte M.L. Deschamps, Cpl D.S. Dalton, Pte H.S. Wilson, Pte R.J. Davis, Pte C.C. Lamb, Pte V.P. Walsh, MCpl H.J. MacKenzie.
- First Row (L-R):** WO D.W. Connick, Lt G.W. Englesby, Sgt J.D. Marshall, Sgt S.R. Morris, Sgt K.K. Faulconbridge, WO R.W. Buchanan, CSM T.N. Dobson, Maj S.J. Willow, Capt C.R. King, WO T.P. Malcolm, Lt D.J. Botari, WO C.J.G. Tombu, Sgt J.R. Spence, Sgt D.R. Bradley, Sgt H.A. O'Keefe.
- Missing:** 2Lt R.P. Gentles, Sgt N.A. Swift, MCpl P.R. Cook, Cpl P.D. McTavish, Pte T.W. Bayly, Pte D.T. Carman, Pte M.M. Donlevy, Pte R.O. Dunkel, Pte L.A. Grandmaison, Pte D.E. Knipstrom, Pte B.J. Leach, Pte J.S. Morais, Pte G.R. Olson, Pte T.W. Ryan, Pte G.E. Schmidt, Pte D.E.P. Sharp, Pte G. Sharp, Pte J.J. Strang, Pte J.L.R. Tarnowski, Pte B.D. Turner, Pte S.D. Venier, Pte S.P. Worden.

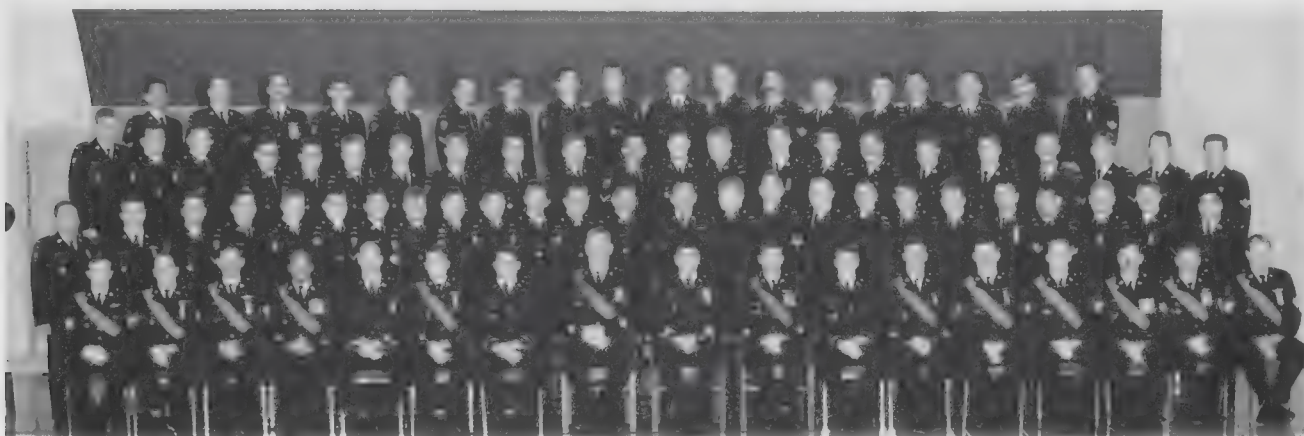
## B Company



- Third Row (L-R):** Pte Halcrow, Pte McLaughlin, Pte Getty, Pte O'Toole, Pte Lakoff, Pte Bradford, Pte Peterson, Pte MacNeil, Pte T.W. MacDonald, Pte Lafreniere, Pte Pike, Pte Lavalliere, Pte Stewart, MCpl Mountain, MCpl Mehan, Pte Marshall, Pte Jorzik, Pte Roy, Pte Heinen, MCpl Casey, Cpl Ford, MCpl Morrison, Pte Maher.
- Second Row (L-R):** Cpl Hollingsworth, Pte Macluskie, Pte Cutteridge, Pte P.D. McNeil, Pte Vriesendrop, Pte Villeneuve, Pte Reading, Cpl Spence, Cpl D.H. Smith, Cpl Pettetier, MCpl Weber, MCpl Woodsworth, Pte Wilson, Pte Greer, Pte French, Pte Mitchell, Pte Snow, Pte Little, MCpl MacNeil, Pte Schroeder, Pte Campbell, Pte D.L. Ross, Pte Smoljanovic, Cpl Tobin, Cpl Buck, MCpl Towell.
- First Row (L-R):** Sgt Langford, Sgt Gates, Sgt Murphy, WO Ames, Lt Strickland, MWO Miles, Maj English, WO Laws, Lt Gilligan, Sgt Dymond, Sgt Toupin, Sgt Janfield, Sgt Wood, Sgt Overy.
- Missing:** Cpl Anthony, MCpl Barker, Pte Connors, Pte Demolitor, 2Lt Gagne, Cpl Girodat, Pte Grandbois, Pte Greehnam, Sgt Guitard, Pte Gulliver, Pte Hall, Pte Harper, Pte Harrison, Pte Keens, Pte Koufoudakis, Pte Lachapelle, Capt Lasalle, Pte Lavery, MCpl Leblanc, Pte MacDonald, Pte MacGregor, Pte MacInnis, Pte Mann, Pte Morse, Pte Penny, Cpl Ralph, Pte Ross, Pte Routledge, Cpl Shemko, Pte Smith, MCpl Tipple, Pte Waddell, Pte Walsh, Pte Waters, Pte Wile, Cpl Wilkinson, Pte Wilson, Pte Wiseman.



## C Company



**Back Row (L-R):** Cpl W.K. Cantwell, Pte S.W. Woods, Cpl J.R. Robinson, Pte P.M. Stephensen, Pte B.Q. Beggs, Cpl R.A. Sommerfeld, Pte C.D. Baxter, Pte R.G. Butt, Pte E.J. Allan, Pte S.K. Sweeney, Pte P.D. Powers, MCpl R.W. Tamminga, Pte T.L. Smith, Pte N.K. White, Pte M.J. Bell, Pte L.A. Corneliuson, Pte R.N. MacDonald, MCpl S.A. Peterson.

**Third Row (L-R):** Pte M.L. Scherger, Pte J.W. Spencer, Pte D. Graham, Pte N.B. Mayo, Pte S. Lee, Cpl W.L. Brunskill, Cpl C.W. Swelin, Pte R.R. Willerton, MCpl S.S. Little, MCpl G.L. Williams, Pte J.S.M. Chasles, Pte D.H. Pusch, Cpl S.D. Salter, Pte S.G. Cameron, Pte W.J. Walsh, MCpl P.D. Baker.

**Second Row (L-R):** Pte F.B. Perry, MCpl K.W. Little, MCpl S.C. Waldron, Pte T.D. Quackenbush, Pte C.F. Haley, Pte J.C. Price, Pte A.K. Boucher, MCpl B.G. Trowbridge, Pte P.J. Richter, Pte W.R.W. Nesbitt, Pte D.G. Schultz, Pte C.F. Harris, Cpl R.W. Jones, Cpl C.G. Longclaws, Pte J.L. Kemp, Cpl A.J. Manuge, Cpl S.E. Hamilton, Pte S.T. Wills, Pte J. Doerksen, Pte R.T. Ladouceur, MCpl I.M. Macaulay, MCpl M.D. House, Cpl D.E. Matthies, Pte S.M. Tasse, Pte J. Greco.

**First Row (L-R):** Sgt D.J. Hichcock, Sgt S.A. Bidwell, Sgt G.F. Trelnuik, WO A.M. Cromwell, Lt R.P. Blume, WO A.M. Clarke, 2Lt C.S. Allen, MWO G.P. Lovett, Maj T.H. Dillenberg, WO A.W. Palamar, 2Lt C.E. Smith, WO W.A. Black, Sgt J.T. Penney, Sgt B.G. Ferguson, Sgt N.G.R. Stone, Sgt J.H. Howes, Sgt W.R. Murphy.

**Missing:** Capt K.A. McIntosh, Capt M.C. Vernon, WO D.E. Haines, MCpl J. MacDonald, MCpl D.T. McKee, MCpl S.A. Pearson, MCpl S.B. St. John, MCpl S.C. Fowler, MCpl W.M. Lepine, MCpl D.A. Tower, Cpl M.R. Culyer, Cpl H.A.B. Dunstan, Cpl T.J. Nielsen, Cpl A.T. White, Pte J. Duprey, Pte G.P. Ellis, Pte J.C.A. Labelle, Pte S.A. Zivkova.

## Combat Support Company



**Third Row (L-R):** Pte Kerr, Pte Borgoyne, Cpl Guzik, Cpl Paczec, Pte Barry, MCpl Breustedt, Cpl Langstaff, MCpl Elliott, MCpl Russell, Pte Dunn, Pte Rubnikowicz, Cpl White, Pte Pedersen, MCpl Peck, MCpl Corbett, Pte Stout, MCpl Skipton, Pte Lavallee, Cpl Therrien, MCpl Hunter, Pte Douglas, Pte Robertson, Cpl Framton.

**Second Row (L-R):** Pte Stang, Pte Schramm, Cpl Cook, Pte Knightley, Cpl Peach, MCpl Nolan, Cpl Girouard, Cpl Adam, Pte Stanton, Pte Mehan, MCpl Bowerman, MCpl Saunders, Cpl Campbell, Pte Thurston, MCpl Sheppard, Pte Arsenaull, Cpl Campbell, Pte Lindsay, MCpl Jure, MCpl Turtle, Cpl McDonald, MCpl MacLean, Cpl McNicol, Cpl Bowles, MCpl Legros.

**First Row (L-R):** Sgt Wood, Sgt Simon, Sgt Weathers, WO Whitebone, WO Sheppard, WO Topham, Lt Weir, Capt Langen, MWO Cruickshank, Lt Paynter, Sgt Johnson, WO Berridge, Sgt Lloyd, Sgt Sarginson, Sgt Cutting, WO Boyle.

**Missing:** Maj Douglas, Capt Barr, Capt Gerenda, Capt Henneberry, Capt Metaxas, Lt Barr, Lt Delaney, Lt McIntosh, MWO Flowers, WO Culleton, Sgt Bondeson, Sgt Dumas, Sgt Girden, Sgt Leonard, Sgt Murphy, Sgt Olson, Sgt Patterson, MCpl Casselman, MCpl Dodds, MCpl Gebhardt, MCpl Gribble, MCpl Hinkley, MCpl Johnson, MCpl Nicholson, MCpl Palamar, MCpl Parsons, MCpl Wilhelm, MCpl Merry, Cpl Anderson, Cpl Arthurs, Cpl Austin, Cpl Barker, Cpl Blakley, Cpl Bourne, Cpl Cook, Cpl Deschamps, Cpl Doucet, Cpl Flaro, Cpl Fortier, Cpl Gordon, Cpl Harte-Maxwell, Cpl Hopkins, Cpl Katuski, Cpl Keeley, Cpl Kellin, Cpl Lemieux, Cpl Michael, Cpl Neilson, Cpl Oliver, Cpl Ostrander, Cpl Penney, Cpl Peters, Cpl Price, Cpl Rubia, Cpl Rekrut, Cpl Schultz, Cpl Strangeway, Cpl Sutton, Cpl Vickers, Pte Abgrall, Pte Amon, Pte Bell, Pte Burr, Pte Cole, Pte Cranston, Pte Demetrius, Pte Dolhan, Pte Dous, Pte Fuller, Pte Gale, Pte Getty, Pte Glazier, Pte Harney, Pte Hegedus, Pte Jennings, Pte Kumitch, Pte Kutzy, Pte Maizis, Pte Porter, Pte Thorner, Pte Warren, Pte Wuori, Pte Young, MCpl Spencer.

## Administration Company



**Fifth Row (L-R):** MS McNeill, MCpl Sundquist, MCpl Kelly, MCpl Myers, Cpl Joukanen, Cpl Collins, Pte Bateman, Pte Blackburn, Cpl Wells, Cpl Byerley, Cpl Disterhoef, Pte Gunderson, MCpl Whittall, Cpl Alderson, Pte Williams, Cpl Decker, Pte Trudgian, MCpl Pumphrey, Cpl Wilson, Pte Rehaluk, Cpl Wylie, Cpl Bassett, Pte Detering, Cpl Daku, Cpl Brouillett.

**Fourth Row (L-R):** Cpl Pressey, Cpl Burns, Pte Woodrich, Cpl Gunn, Pte Peterson, Pte Hollingsworth, Cpl Lesperance, Cpl Tousignant, MCpl Miller, Cpl Arens, Cpl Ziegler, Cpl Hearn, Pte Dobson, Pte Markin, Cpl Carpan, MCpl McNamara, Cpl Cooney, Cpl Paquette, Cpl Wagner, Cpl Wright, MCpl Rebbitt, Cpl MacDonald, Cpl Moldovanos.

**Third Row (L-R):** Pte Tresidder, MCpl Moggy, Cpl Humphrey, Cpl Gill, MCpl Bergeron, Pte Telford, Pte Koufoudakis, Pte Ritchie, Pte Brady, Cpl McTavish, Cpl Boldt, Cpl Maxwell, Cpl Charlebois, Pte Gardin, MCpl Elder, Cpl McCreary, Pte Exerleben.

**Second Row (L-R):** Sgt Guitard, Sgt Noyes, Sgt Warren, WO Tobin, Sgt Instance, PO2 Hanlan, PO2 Soso, Sgt Sears, Sgt King, Sgt Blais, Sgt Greeley, Sgt Towers, Sgt McKenzie, Sgt Smith, Sgt Tolley.

**First Row (L-R):** WO Leduc, Sgt McNeil, Capt Benjamin, MWO Macleod, Capt Moore, WO Ballinger, Capt Hirlehey, MWO Rozon, Capt Macdonald, MWO Green, Capt Wight, Sgt Gardiner, Lt Fitzgerald, Sgt Baird, Capt Moulaison, Sgt Grandmaison, Lt Corbould.

**Missing:** Maj Fraser, Capt Bertrand, Lt(N) Canning, WO Kolotylo, WO Macdonald, WO Porter, MS Butlin, MCpl Copeland, MCpl Hicks, MCpl McNeil, MCpl Phinney, MCpl Gallant, MCpl Thomas, MS Vieau, Cpl Cossette, Cpl Doyle, Cpl Edmonds, Cpl Froment, Cpl Gidney, Cpl Graham, Cpl Leclerc, Cpl McGhee, Cpl Metcalfe, Cpl Peers, Cpl Preus, Cpl Reno, Cpl Smith, Pte Douglas, Pte Fisher, Pte Good, Pte Harris, Pte Johnston, Pte Lampron, Pte Lesjak, Pte Macdonald, Pte Menard, Pte Mettlewsky, Pte Norwood.

## 3 PPCLI Corps Of Drums



**Back Row (L-R):** MCpl Butter, Pte(T) Hoffman, Cpl Keeley, Pte(T) Scoulfield, Sgt Leonard, Pte(T) Burr.

**Third Row (L-R):** Sgt Olson, Cpl Arthurs, Cpl Pietrangelo, MCpl Hinkey, Pte Gale, Cpl Anderson, MCpl Beshara.

**Second Row (L-R):** Cpl Michael, MCpl Casselman, Pte(T) Harney, Pte(T) Holmberg, Pte(T) Amon, Cpl Maxwell, Cpl Doucet, Cpl Flaro.

**First Row (L-R):** Drum Major WO Leduc, MCpl Sundquist, Pte(T) Kutzy, Pte(T) Maizis, MCpl Dodds, Cpl Strangeway, MCpl Bourne, Cpl Willie, Cpl Cook, Cpl Holben, MCpl Shultz.



## 3 PPCLI Rifle Team



*Back Row (L-R): Cpl Cantwell, Pte Clemons, Pte Stephensen, Pte Jones, MCpl Little, MCpl Williams, Cpl Hamilton.  
Second Row (L-R): Pte Wills, MCpl Macaulay, Pte Perry, Pte Price, MCpl House, Cpl Jones, Cpl Robinson.  
First Row (L-R): Sgt Hitchcock, Sgt Bidwell, Lt Blume, WO Cromwell, Sgt Ferguson, Sgt Trelbuk.  
Missing: MCpl Lepine, MCpl Tower, MCpl Fowler, Cpl Dunstan, Cpl Nielsen.*



# THE PPCLI BATTLE SCHOOL

## Battle School Headquarters

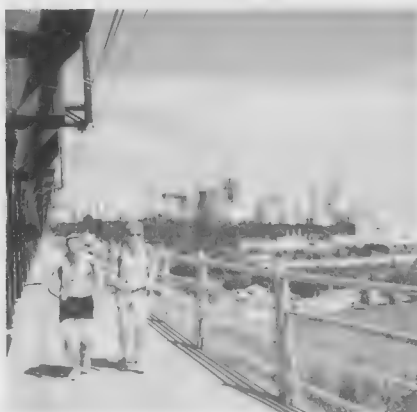
Once again we have had many changes at the Battle School, both in personnel and organization. This past posting season has seen the addition of the following new positions; two new Company Commanders, a Company 2IC, two new CSMs and a new RQMS.

This major change in establishment has resulted in the two training companies, Recruit and Leadership, being commanded now by Majors, with MWO rank positions for the three Company CSMs.

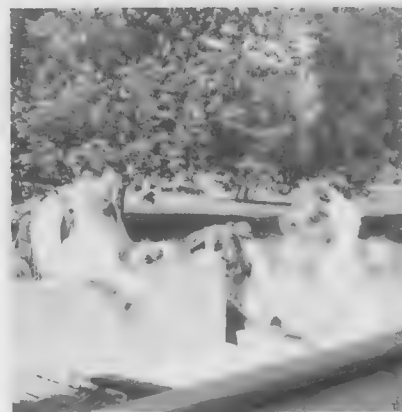
As in the past, we have had a major change-over in personnel. Major Beztilny was posted to Iran/Iraq and Major Dan Davies replaced him as the new DCO. CWO Lloyd retired to the Crescent, B.C. area and CWO Wally Komadina was posted in as the School RSM. CWO Cleaveland was posted to Gagetown and MWO Pryce was posted in as QMSI. WO Doubleday was posted to Esquimalt and Sgt MacDonald replaced him as Chief Clerk.



**3 PPCLI Section Team for the Soldier's Cup. (l.-r): Sgt Bidwell, Pte Tower, Cpl Robison, Cpl Rancourt, Pte Stephenson, Pte Cantwell, MCpl MacAulay, Pte Ayers and Pte Price.**



**"The Edmonton Yomp"  
Captains Pete Lundy and Joe Pollock.**



**Pte Bertler (left) and Pte Holland (right) preparing to fire the C6 in the sustained fire role.**



**Battle School Staff and Friends.**

## The Edmonton Yomp

*by Cpl I.M. Bogey*

For the past five years, the British units training in Wainwright have held an annual Yomp (Forced March) competition in Edmonton. The competition, jointly sponsored by the Sherlock Holmes Pubs, raises money for Uncles-at-Large. The annual event consists of a 16 km route, starting at the West Edmonton Mall and ending at the Sherlock Holmes Pub in downtown Edmonton. The event took place in the middle of July this year with 20 teams entered. No Canadian team had ever competed in the event. Lieutenant-Colonel Stutt decided to enter a Battle School officers' team and so, with himself leading, volunteered Captains Joe Pollock, Dave Niles and Pete Lundy.

At first impression, the Yomp didn't seem to be all that difficult. However, the distance changed to 23 km with each man carrying 30 lbs. of weight; and to make things interesting, somewhere along the route a log would be carried for 3½ km. Then, to make it a memorable competition, a beer keg (full) would be carried up the MacDonald Hotel steps, all 500 of them. Out of the 20 teams, 16 were British and, for the first time, four Canadian teams entered. The Battle School officers' team finished first amongst the Canadian teams, with a time of three hours and 27 minutes. The winning team was from the 2nd Battalion Light Infantry with a time of two hours and 30 minutes. Two of the members from this team jointly hold the world record for a 100 mile run in full fighting order, which was done in 23 hours and 47 minutes.

The Battle School plans to enter next year's competition with two teams. As Lieutenant-Colonel Stutt stated half-way through the run, "Why should the officers have all the fun?" So next year there will also be a senior NCO's team!

## Freedom of The City of Edmonton

**O**n June 10, 1989, the Battle School and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment exercised the Freedom of the City of Edmonton. Accompanied by the Regimental Band and the Edmonton Pipes and Drums, two guards, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Stutt performed the ceremony.



*Freedom of The City of Edmonton*



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## Administration Company

by Capt D. Niles

Aside from the standard logistics and support tasks Adm Company ran two rappel master courses, one each in the spring and fall. In addition, the Advanced Winter Warfare Course enjoyed a couple of weeks in Cambridge Bay learning that a lack of trees, extreme temperatures and white-out conditions are all key factors to increasing one's love for the great outdoors. This year's course, however, had a special mission. A cairn was erected at the top of Mount Pelly, the highest feature in the Cambridge Bay area, as the most northerly ceremony celebrating the Regiment's 75th Anniversary. The cairn dedication, recognizing the service of the Inuit to the Regiment in peace and in war, was quickly conducted by the Course Warrant Officer and several Rangers during a break in the white-out weather. The course was also briefly visited by the Commanding Officer of the Battle School, accompanied by the Adjutant and Training Support Company Commander, all of whom ventured out looking for frostbite (and found it!). The clear highlight of the course, with possible exception of watching Capt "Find Me" Conrad navigate distances greater than 100 m, was attending the local community Beer Dance before returning to Wainwright. Intricate steps like the Mukluk Stomp and the Two-Fisted Guzzle were soon mastered by all course members, including both German visitors.

In the finest tradition of empire building, under the unlikely guise of streamlining and efficiency, Training Support Company has shed its former name and adopted the title of Administration Company. Not to worry, however, since the quantity and quality of work has remained at the same high standard ... Former OC Training Support, Capt Lewis, has gone to his great reward (a jammy, accompanied UN posting in the Middle East) and has been replaced by Capt Niles. The popular CSM position has had no less than four different occupants: WO Spellen was replaced during the summer by CSM White, who immediately caught the fatal "go-to-pasture" bug, and WO "Bullet Head" Smith sat in as interim CSM until the arrival in early December of CSM George, who cheerfully abandoned family and friends in Winnipeg to take post at the School.

The summer also saw the arrival of WO "Friend-to-All" Swiech, as the School's first ever logistician RQMS. New faces in RQ Stores include MCpl "Chicken Man" Hahn and Cpl "Ya But" Griffin, who together, have come up with some unique and creative forms of ammunition accounting. Meanwhile, MCpl "Goose Bay" Ferguson will soon be moving from weapons stores to become a dental technician. He looks forward to seeing all of his friends in the dental chair and repaying them for past favours. The lucky winners of this summer's Transport Sgt and Library NCO lottery were Sgts Harris and Annand, both of whom wish to thank those who made it all possible. Sgt "Houdini" Harris has been resorting to black magic and incantations to knit operation vehicles from the serviceable (?) skeletons which are kindly donated by Brigade units, while simultaneously disproving every basic law of physics by having the same few vehicles appear at different places at the same time (as demanded by the training platoons). Rumour has it that Sgt Annand and his faithful librarian Cpl "Milton" Shea (AKA Cecil B. Shea) have both requested vacancies on the School's next unarmed combat course following the most recent kamakazi attack by those samurai photocopier technicians. Holding Platoon, our behind-the-scenes coolie gang, continues to regularly outnumber Recruit Company in strength, providing the ultimate maternal challenge to Sgt "Why Me" Bourque, who has recently replaced Sgt "Mr. Mom" O'Keefe as keeper of the faith.



Ranger John Hikoalak, Ranger Mack Haongak and WO Westacott atop Mount Pelly.



Would you buy a used helicopter from these men? Rappel Master Course 8902.



## Leading The Attack: Leadership Company

by Major Phil Cook

**Y**es, to sit back and relax through a tour with Leadership Company at the Battle School ... Short banking hours, recreational sports on a daily basis and nothing to do in this snail paced world except watch the lights go out in Edmonton, as some in the Regiment would like to believe.

Nineteen leadership courses were conducted during the period January through December 1989, training and graduating 477 candidates. The dedication of the staff which, for the most are incremental NCOs, gives me personal pride. They come here – to command, to train and to guide those that are in their charge. They do an exceptional job of it. Ever wonder why there are so many volunteers for a tour of duty at the Battle School?

Hard work, dedication and discipline is the staple of our young, and some not-so-young, leader candidates. Determined soldiers from all trades, from all parts of the country come here to be trained as junior leaders on the Junior Leader's Course (JLC), Combat Leader's Course (CLC) and the Infantry Section Commander's Course (ISCC). Total force is now actively being applied, as eight platoons of enthusiastic and dedicated militia soldiers from Prairie Militia Area and Pacific Militia Area completed leadership training this summer. Militia soldiers have also attended Regular Force JLC and CLC courses. The world is changing, however, the calibre and capability of our soldiers is as good as it ever was.

1989 has seen some milestones in the evolution of Leadership Company. As previously mentioned, militia leadership courses started this past summer and are scheduled again for the summer of 1990. This of course, is a major breakthrough for the total force concept. Secondly, there has been an increase in establishment numbers and ranks. This all came about during the summer when Captain Joe Pollock, as OC Leadership, handing over his responsibilities, and became School Adjutant. Concurrently, WO John Smith, gave up the reins to the current CSM of Leadership, MWO Brian Anderson. WO Smith took his knowledge and expertise to School HQ to become the School Standards Warrant Officer. A new position this year is a company second-in-command. Captain Pete Lundy, when not conducting Rappel Master and Winter Warfare Instructor Courses, beats through the mountains of paperwork required in the company. Lastly, CQMS Leadership WO Paul Ayerst and MCpl Charlie Sparrow, Leadership Storesman, are all smiles now that they have moved into a new stores building.

My staff are heavy into reviewing, updating and rewriting course schedules, lesson plans, TEWTS, exercises and hand-outs. All increment staff have input into this activity. The main players in Leadership Company are WO Jim "Smooth as But-ter" Butters (ISCC), WO Gary Alexander (CLC) and Sgt Perry Bachelor (JLC). Five other instructors who were here briefly, are now off without a breather to become instructors on yet another set of courses: Sgt Louis MacBeth, Sgt Richard Desjardins, Sgt Jeff Watson, Sgt John Hooyer and Sgt Jes Adair.

For those of you that have graduated, you know that you are prepared, ready and able to lead when called upon to do so.



*MCpl Sparrow and Sgt Batchelor engage in a bizarre Leadership Coy mating ritual.*



*Maj Phil Cook, as Acting CO, gives his dirty laundry to Pte Strong.*

## PPCLI Battle School – Recruit Company

by 2Lt K.P. Gentles

Our story begins with Johnny Jenkins in a classroom at Hayseed School in rural Saskatchewan. His teacher is droning on about something or other and, as usual, John is keenly alert. His eyes are closed and his body slumped. His mind is elsewhere, for yesterday he was at the Recruiting Centre and was given the word that he's off to Cornwallis for Basic Training.

He asked for infantry and got it. His father was a soldier in World War II and often said, "The PPCLI is the only way to go." Of this, John is convinced. He will be a Patricia!

Indeed, after ten weeks, Pte Jenkins is no longer a long-haired civy, but a keen soldier ready for the PPCLI. PT was no problem and the army thing was too easy. "Who can't press shirts and polish brass? Wait a minute ... what's this about Wain-something? Battle School? No leave? Seventeen weeks? What can they teach us in 17 weeks? And who's this bad-tempered sergeant with the attitude? Doesn't he know that we're not recruits anymore?"

Wainwright – beautiful Wainwright. The Quonset huts remind Pte Jenkins of the movie "Stalag 17". Seventeen alright, seventeen weeks of hell. "How do they expect us to run five miles wearing boots?"

Indeed, recruit training at the Battle School is not what most expect. Cornwallis does little to prepare the new soldier for the intense training schedule in Recruit Company.

In addition to learning patrolling, battle drills in the various phases of war a new soldier must master all of the weapons at the platoon's disposal, including C-7, C-9, C-6, M72, Carl Gustav, 60 mm mortar and grenades. He must learn regimental history and map-using as well as fieldcraft and unarmed combat.

All his training has one single-minded purpose: to close with and destroy the enemy by day or night, regardless of season, weather or terrain. We do not mince words in the Battle School, for our role is clear. We are training to kill.

As such, an important aspect of the soldier's training is physical. Daily workouts do not train him to run marathons, but to enable him to cover great distances with his personal and platoon kit and be able to fight aggressively for extended periods when he gets there. Recruit Company set the Battle School standard of battle fitness this year, with the CO's Endurance Run. The run is a 5 km crosscountry course, wherein the platoon must run with fighting order carrying its support weapons and radio. New records were set for both summer and winter serials by Pursuit to Mons Platoon, Serial 8908 and North-west Europe, Platoon, Serial 8909, with times of 30:26 and 32:36 respectively.

A soldier learns that he is not alone, but a part of a fine team in a section in a platoon. When graduation comes at the end of the long haul, and the platoon joins the regiment, one can feel the pride radiate from each man as he receives his Patricia hat badge. The new Patricias show off their skills to their family and friends and join their battalion as well-trained infants, having completed the challenge of Battle School training.



*The Moro Platoon demonstrates Unarmed Combat.*



*Pursuit to Mons Platoon with the Rambo Run record.*

## 2 COMMANDO

*by Capts M.K. Fawcett, R.J. Hachey and I.C. Hope*

**I**n 1989 was a busy year for 2 Commando. Our travels took us several thousand miles, to many interesting places and to many new adventures. The new year brought misfortune with the tragic loss of five of our comrades in a car accident. The Commando did not deploy on winter exercises in order to properly bid farewell to our lost comrades.

### Exercise Black Leopard

**I**n February, the Commando turned its attention toward Ex BLACK LEOPARD II, a local exercise in which US Blackhawk helicopters were gladly employed. The Americans were even so generous as to allow many 2 Commando personnel to experience a jump from their excellent aircraft. Following this exercise the Commando headed to Valcartier for a week of Ski School.

### Exchange to Fort Bragg

**S**mall Unit Exchange. Three words that are music to a paratrooper's ears. Visions of Foreign Jump Wings, "Bare-ass Jumps" and exotic locations come to mind. The prospect of ten days in sunny North Carolina was a definite morale boost to all ranks of 2 Commando. On arrival we grudgingly rolled up our sleeves and prepared ourselves for some tropical living. Our host was A Coy, 1/504 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. They graciously briefed us on the intelligence we would desperately need – local customs and watering holes!

Training was fast and furious. Initially, we trained on our own at the MOUT site (Military Operations in Urban Terrain), a stone and concrete town complete with a sewer system. The training progressed to a live-fire MOUT range. Troops tested their skills in various ways; individual ranges with targets popping up in windows and doors, team obstacle courses where bullets and grenades filled the air, and a section house clearing range in which speed and violence won the day.

Naturally some recreation was undertaken during breaks in the intense training. Our American hosts provided us with a sports day and a trip to Myrtle Beach. The Commando advanced to the finals in soccer, football and earthball; however our smaller numbers took their toll (the free beer helped to slow things down as well)! We placed third out of six companies competing. We did however make many new friends in time to borrow their cars for the trip to the beach.

Recreation finished, we returned to war. The Commando jumped into DZ Sicily from 800 feet and moved into ambush positions at best speed. The 1/504 drove the enemy back into our blocking positions as we caught them between "a rock and a hard place". Following a day of regrouping, the "Maroon Machine" rolled again, this time as a Battalion Vanguard for a helicopter assault. We roared in at dawn, just 100 meters from the MOUT site, and found ourselves fighting a pitched battle along streets and in buildings. Realism was added with the use of MILES (laser engagement) equipment. The Commando earned praise for its efforts in the battle and some excellent lessons were learned. In all, it was a perfect example of an exchange. We returned to cold, wet Petawawa with tans and many tall tales.

### RV 89

**O**n 19 May, 2 Commando deployed to Penhold, Alberta from where we would stage to Wainwright. The Regiment spent three days conducting platoon and commando training and battle procedure before moving into a Regimental staging area. 2 Commando prepared for an airmobile operation, and the Commando discovered the perils of landing on a hot DZ!

On the 27th the Commando returned to Penhold to prepare for the second phase of the Divisional Exercise. The Regiment was to jump into the FMC Division rear area and conduct interdiction operations. The pickings for 2 Commando were fruitful. The exercise ended with all three Commandos in the defence while the Division counter attacked.

To cap off RV 89, 2 Commando embarked on Exercise "PEGASUS CLIMBER" at Kananaskis. Climbing roughly 36 kilometres over 8000 foot peaks and across some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. The exercise was sweaty but pleasant. The enemy, a guerrilla platoon hiding in a high mountain valley, was destroyed early in the operation. This enabled the unit to descend the mountains during the last two days in a more relaxed manner. A 600 foot rucksack slide down snow and ice saved many a blister and produced some wild noises. Fun, form, fitness and suntans were had in a true airborne way.



## Nova Scotia International Tattoo

**E**arly in June the unit's Unarmed Combat Team departed Wainwright to begin rehearsals for their performance in the Nova Scotia International Tattoo. The team arrived in Halifax in the middle of June to start a rigorous schedule and an even more rigorous social calendar.

The act began with a one-hundred foot rappel from the rafters of Halifax's Metro Centre, and then to the tune of "Taking Care of Business", our soldiers entertained the audience with various fights. In the final scene an old lady (Cpl Davidson in drag) appeared to stop the needless violence. In an attempt to remove her the entire team was, of course, beaten severely.

The team gave five performances and proved to be a real crowd pleaser. One editorial in the local newspaper panned our act as ugly and violent. We took that as a compliment! Judging from the reception that many young soldiers received from the local girls, I can only conclude it wasn't that ugly.

## The PPCLI 75th Anniversary

**I**n the summer months a young soldier's thoughts often turn to drill, especially when they spend several hours a day on the square. The Commando deployed to Calgary by C-130 on the 24th of July. Our time preceding the 75th Celebrations was spent largely on the parade square, although time was found for the occasional road run and even the odd night out.

2 Commando had the honour of kicking off the celebrations with our para assault on DZ "Patricia" followed by an RV in the Better 'Ole. I am sure much will be written about the other celebrations. For our part, the trooping was, of course, the highlight. The weeks of preparation were more than worthwhile as we marched off through the "Old Guard". Although we wore a different hat badge it felt great to be a Patricia and, I may be biased, but I heard many, many people comment that, "Four Guard was by far the best". (At least different!) On 9 September, we continued the 75th Celebrations with a joint PPCLI/R22eR parade on Parliament Hill. The following day some of our soldiers, dressed in World War I uniforms, re-enacted the return of the Patricias to Ottawa following the First World War.

## Fall Training

**R**eturning to Petawawa, the unit underwent a re-organization after welcoming a crop of "new guys" from the Battalions. On the 28th of September the platoons jumped in and each set out to conduct live fire ambushes.

October brought the P.T. test followed by the much loved 2x10 miles. This was such a favourite with the troops, we decided the only thing that could top it would be an NBCD refresher, so that's what we did.

We managed to conduct some collective training, including Ex LIGHTFOOT, an airmobile assault on the Arnprior Dam. The enemy, an insidious terrorist group, had seized the dam as a bargaining tool. Clearly, they had not counted on 2 Commando. The enemy cleverly concentrated themselves in the dam and in their hooches. After a spirited defence of their sleeping bags they capitulated. Their demise was short-lived, however, as the terrorists reappeared. Surprisingly this time they were hiding in the woods at a farm belonging to Major Pentney's in-laws. The unit conducted a cordon and search and quickly captured the rascals.

Other highlights of the fall were a visit from the Colonel-in-Chief and an amphibious exercise in support of the Path-finder course.

Ex NEPTUNE RAIDER was a unique experience for most of us, as we embarked on HMCS PROTECTOR to be inserted by landing craft on the beaches of St. Margrets Bay. The Navy proved wonderful hosts and fed us often and very well; sadly, the rough seas ensured that much of the food was returned to the Navy. The raid on Mill Cove was easily achieved after an all night infiltration.

During the first week of December we conducted section and pairs live fire exercises, including a grenade assault range. We capped off 1989 with the traditional Men's Christmas Dinner and some much deserved leave.

1989 was an eventful and productive year for 2 Commando. We soldiered to mark the 75th Anniversary in a true Airborne Patricia fashion.

AIRBORNE!

## IN MEMORIAM

**O**n 27 January 1989, five members of 2 Commando died in a tragic automobile accident. They were intending to visit relatives just before departing for Alaska on Exercise BRIMFROST 89. Sorely missed by their families and all ranks 2 Commando are Corporal Keith Russell, Trooper Mark Cameron, Trooper Shawn Hilliker, Trooper John Ross, and Trooper Brian Thompson.

Corporal Keith Russell, aged 25, was a member of 6 Platoon. He enlisted on 7 May 1981 and served with 3 PPCLI in Esquimalt and Cyprus before being posted to the Airborne Regiment.

Trooper Mark Cameron, aged 25 was a member of 7 Platoon. He enrolled on 25 February 1986 and spent his first posting in Calgary with 1 PPCLI. He came to the Airborne Regiment in July 1988.

Trooper Shawn Hilliker, aged 21, was a member of 6 Platoon. He enlisted on 21 August 1985 and served with 1 PPCLI in Calgary before coming to 2 Commando in July 1987.

Trooper John Ross, aged 22, was a member of 6 Platoon. He enlisted on 26 November 1986 and served with 1 PPCLI in Calgary until July 1988 before being posted to 2 Commando.

Trooper Brian Thompson, aged 21, was a member of 7 Platoon. He joined the forces in October 1986 and served in 3 PPCLI prior to coming to 2 Commando in the summer of 1988.

2 Commando withdrew from Exercise Brimfrost in order to conduct funeral services in five different areas throughout the country. On 4 February 1989 a special Commando memorial service and parachute jump was held in CFB Petawawa to honour these missing comrades.



*Major Pentney leads 2 Airborne Commando through the streets of Ottawa.*



*Her Excellency The Governor General inspects 2 Commando on Parliament Hill.*



*2 Commando and Swedish friends, "International Ambassadors of Goodwill".*



*Ex "Osons Steel" Tpr Tatasciore and Cpl Walsh man the .50.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief inspects Tpr Draker's machine gun.*



*2 Commando dressed in World War I uniform re-enact the Patricia's return to Ottawa.*



*Exercise "Neptune Raider" sea going Commandos.*



*Ex "Neptune Raider" MCpl Ethier leads his section to the attack position.*



# THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT FOURTH BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

*by Captain E.M. Thorson*

**1** 989 was a busy year for the Loyal Eddies, a year which included several important training and ceremonial events. On the training side the year started at a relaxed pace with a well attended ski school in Jasper's Marmot Basin. February saw the unit officers in Calgary for the 1 Brigade study weekend along with their regular and reserve counterparts from the entire Army of the West. It was an excellent opportunity to practise implementation of the Total Force Army.

Training became more serious with the approach of spring. The Battle School lent the Eddies C7 rifles, C9 Light Machine Guns and help in conversion training, while the unit stressed training for defence and patrolling.

The highlight of spring training was RV 89. Several NCO's and soldiers were called out to 1 PPCLI and the remainder of A Company took part in the live fire defensive exercise "Sterling Maniple" under the command of A Company of the 3rd Battalion. In addition to looking after its trained soldiers the unit concluded a basic training course for Northern Alberta Militia District in June.

MILCON 89, the concentration of Prairie Area Militia Units in Wainwright during July was well attended by Loyal Eddies. In addition to providing a relatively large number of Infantrymen, the unit also filled a number of senior positions in the Infantry Battle Group and oversaw three very successful field firing ranges. Training carried on after MILCON as members of the Loyal Eddies attended schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific as students and staff.

The fall training program included the usual round of shooting, defence, and patrolling exercises but finished with the unusual exercise Northern Strike IV in Banks Island, Northwest Territories. The exercise, planned as a sovereignty operation, included a parachute descent, survival training with the Canadian Rangers, tactical movement and a successful community relations program.

1989 also included some important ceremonial events. In March, Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Nielsen left the unit and turned command over to the Lieutenant-Colonel Glenn Jones. In June, the Loyal Eddies exercised their Freedom of the City of Edmonton with the Battle School under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Hap Stutt. The event was part of the PPCLI's 75th Anniversary celebrations and rekindled the long standing relationship that has roots in the beginnings of both Regiments in the First World War. As the year drew to a close the rank and file had a chance to meet our newly appointed Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Chapman.

1990 will mark an important milestone for the Loyal Eddies as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our precursor, the 49th Battalion. As preparations get underway we look forward to the continued friendship and support of all branches of the Regimental Family.



*Freedom of the City - The Acting Mayor  
inspects, accompanied by LCol Stutt.*



*Freedom of the City - Parade RSM Wayne Johnston.*



*Freedom of the City of Edmonton – The Regimental Band of PPCLI & the Edmonton City Police Pipes and Drums.*



*Freedom of the City of Edmonton – The Colour Marches Past.*



*Ex Northern Strike – The Commanding Officer (centre), and Battalion Headquarters staff with the camp flag in the high Arctic (St. Albert Gazette).*



*Ex Northern Strike – Taking a break from igloo building (St. Albert Gazette).*



*Ex Northern Strike – Cold warriors.*



*Ex Northern Strike – Community relations in the guise of full contact musical chairs (St. Albert Gazette).*

## THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION

*by Capt W.A. Pigden and Capt R.D. Parent*

**T**he past year has been a busy and eventful time for members of the French Grey Battalion here in Gagetown. A full slate of 75th Anniversary events as well as the normal course training cycle has kept all members busy and feeling part of the Regimental family.

The year's ceremonial festivities were kicked off in fine fashion with the 17th of March, Regimental Day celebrations featuring the annual broom-i-loo competition between Officers, Senior NCO's and Soldiers. A well attended all ranks dance the previous evening, a good solid base of snow and the fortifying effects of "down-home" moose milk courtesy of our Patricia Base Surgeon, Major Ken Lacey and his swish barrels, all had the competitors primed for the games. Following a round robin series of hard fought matches the Soldiers emerged victorious, proving once again youth and aggression waste their energy playing games. In the annual Officers/Senior NCO grudge match, despite the Senior NCO's dubious tactic of importing several "free agents" from that other Patricia "hideaway", Cornwallis, the officers still came away with a decisive, and rare, victory by a score of one to nil.

Later in the spring, the Gagetown Patricias found themselves making up part of an honour guard which included personnel from the French Grey Battalion, members of the Old Guard of the Regimental Association and the Saint Mary's Band all taking part in the Freedom of the City of Saint John on the 12th of May, 1989. This ceremony acknowledged the special relationship between the City of Saint John, the Saint Mary's band, which served as the PPCLI Regimental Band during the First World War, and the Regiment itself. A reception was held following the parade and was attended by participants and their families as well as the city fathers with all ranks enjoying the fine music and free beer issue. The free "shout" was provided by a local businessman, BGen (Retired) Oland, and the parade commander Major R. Shutte who in his excitement had done an about face to the left. Significantly, it was the Commander, Brigadier-General MacKenzie, who asked for the first drink.

The summer officer training cycle is, of course, the busiest time of the year for the instructors and staff of the Infantry School and CTC Gagetown. The permanent members of the battalion comprising 12 Officers, 24 NCMs and 58 soldiers, with the help of those "fortunate" enough to be attached posted as increment staff, have an important part in the training and development of our future leaders.

Patricias were well represented in several positions at the School with Capts Shandy Vida and Stu Sharpe "beasting" the Phase III candidates, Capt Brian Mumford and Pat Rechner guiding the Phase II candidates and Capts Bob Parent and Perry "Son of Apollo" Metaxas providing the final polish to the Phase IV candidates under the direction of Capt Phil Tyrrell.

The summer training syllabus has always meant long hours and seven day work weeks. However this year was also marked by a plague of mosquitoes of biblical proportion. Fortunately, all ranks were rewarded with a very satisfying conclusion to summer training; the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia and the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Graham to take part in the Officer Graduation ceremonies and 75th Anniversary activities. Lady Patricia was the guest of honour at an all ranks luncheon which was highlighted by her presentation of a retirement gift to MWO Chisholm, who retired after 35 years of service. The graduating class of Patricia officers were especially fortunate to be welcomed to the Regiment when they were formally badged into the regiment and presented their hat badges by Lady Patricia. Before departing for the "main event" in Calgary, Lady Patricia, Brigadier-General Graham and Brigadier-General MacKenzie traveled to Saint John at the request of the PPCLI Association. There they took part in a plaque dedication in honour of the Bandmaster Lance-Sergeant Charles Henry Williams, who unfortunately suffered fatal wounds at Tilloy on 25 September 1918, when band members were employed as stretcher bearers. Once again the Colonel-in-Chief demonstrated her innate grace and warmth throughout her demanding engagement schedule. Lady Patricia certainly charmed all the eastern Patricias and we were sad to see her depart for Calgary.

The next event which battalion members participated in under the guidance of the new Commanding Officer of the French Grey Battalion, Major Pete Hofman, was the release of the stamp commemorating the 75th Anniversary of both the PPCLI and R22eR. Brigadier-General MacKenzie represented the Patricias during the official ceremony releasing the first stamp issued by the Base Gagetown Post Office. There the General demonstrated his fine technique and ensured himself an opportunity at a second career at Canada Post.

The final event of the year was a luncheon in December, during which Molly Boback, a distinguished war artist, presented to the Regiment, a painting of the Regimental Trooping in Calgary. The Blue Room of the Carleton Officer's Mess was the site for this event with all Patricia officers, selected Association Members and our senior Patricia NCOs attending. Brigadier-General MacKenzie hosted the presentation luncheon.

Overall, 1989 was a successful and enjoyable year for the "Army of the East". Even though the majority were not able to attend the 75th events in Calgary, the members of the French Grey Battalion celebrated the anniversary year in fine style. Many thanks to all those whose hard work, and contributions made for an eventful year.





*Lady Patricia addressed the French Grey Battalion at a luncheon during her visit to the Combat Training Centre in Gatetown.*



*2Lt Rubisch, representative of newly commissioned PPCLI officers, is badged into the Regiment by Lady Patricia while Brigadier-General Graham looks on.*



*Lady Patricia in conversation with Senior NCOs from the Infantry School.*



*Lady Patricia chats with soldiers of the French Grey Battalion at a luncheon held in her honour.*



*MWO Chisholm receives a Regimental Statuette from Lady Patricia on his retirement after 35 years of service.*



*Lady Patricia moves through the food line during the all ranks luncheon. "Now you are sure this is not one of the deer that live behind the Sergeants' Mess?"*



*Her Worship, Mayor Elsie Wayne, Brigadier-General MacKenzie and Maj Shutte inspect the Guard of Honour during the Freedom of the City of Saint John.*



*Brigadier-General MacKenzie during the canceling of the first commemorative stamp warns those watching: "Watch carefully or the next thing canceled will be your posting!"*



*Molly Boback presents her painting of "The Regimental Trooping" which was accepted on behalf of the Regiment, by Brigadier-General MacKenzie and Major Hofman.*



*"Leave a piece for me". Major Ralph Shutte supervises the cutting of the 75th Anniversary cake by Cpl Longclaus during Regimental Day Dinner and Dance.*

# CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL CORNWALLIS

by MWO R.W. McNaughton, Senior Patricia CFRS Cornwallis

**A**mid the flurry of our Regiment's celebrating our first seventy five years ... all Patricias at CFRS Cornwallis (the Patricias from the East) survived yet another quality year. 1989 saw many familiar faces disappear and many new faces appear. Posted out were MWO J.D. Ellis (RSS Truro), Sgt K. Lewis (2 PPCLI) and Sgt P. Arsenault (2 PPCLI). Some of our new arrivals were MWO McNaughton (CTC Gagetown), MCpl L. Sandford (2 PPCLI), MCpl B. McIntyre (2 PPCLI), MCpl R. MacDonald (2 PPCLI) and MCpl J. Powless (3 PPCLI).

During this reporting period the Recruit School has been very busy supplying quality soldiers, not only the Regiment, but the entire Canadian Forces. Truly, instructing at CFRS Cornwallis is very fulfilling and all Patricias here extend an invitation to everyone from the Regiment to visit the Recruit School to see it in operation.

## End Of An Era

**O**n 10 August 1989, all Patricias paraded while our Regimental Flag was raised by the Senior Serving Patricia at CFRS who was, as you can very well guess, Sgt "Newfie" Best who served his last day with the Military on 31 September 1989.

The Nominal roll of serving members within CFRS (1989):

MWO R.W. McNaughton  
WO J.H. Blades  
WO J.J. Sirois  
WO R.A. Northrup  
Sgt J.M. Decoste  
Sgt D.B. Gentes  
Sgt J.V. McIsaac

Sgt D.V. Morley  
Sgt J.F. Rochon  
Sgt T.K. Skelton  
MCpl D.J. Boutilier  
MCpl T.J. Corscadden  
MCpl R.D. Evans  
MCpl S.A. Jessop

MCpl R.S. Lewis  
MCpl R.G. MacDonald  
MCpl G.B. McIntyre  
MCpl P.A. Muise  
MCpl J.A. Powless  
MCpl L.J. Sandford  
MCpl N. Schiavone

## Training Support Company

**S**pear-heading the Patricia's task force in Training Support Company is Sgt Gentes along with Sgt Morley and Sgt Skelton.

A quick glance through the Training Support Coy is like walking through a museum, as FNC1 training is still taught to recruits. The SARP conversion for C7 has been completed for the NCOs in the school and we are awaiting full change over in January 1990.

School training can become very routine. However, the Weapons Cadre has the advantage of teaching weapons classes and alternating the Range Safety Officer duties on Range Firing. They are responsible for all School and Base range practises as well as for visiting units, which can be quite numerous.

As this article goes to press, the Career Manager, CWO Spring will be concluding his yearly visit. Some members are happy while others are not, but honestly the Canadian Forces Recruit School is really a good place to work. It's unfortunate it's such a well kept secret!!



CFRS Patricias on parade both past and present, 10 August 1989.





*Sgt Skelton overseeing FNC1 zeroing practice at CFRS.*



*Good Luck "Newfie" on your future endeavours! Sgt Best raises the Regimental Flag on 10 August 1989 at CFB Cornwallis.*



*Sgt Gentes FNC1 zeroing during Recruit Training.*



*Sgt Morley is currently remustering to the Intelligence Trade and will be greatly missed by all Patricias within CFRS as well as the Regiment. Good luck on your future endeavours!*

## VANCOUVER PATRICIAS

**N**ow we wouldn't want to boast,  
but a posting to the coast –  
well, it makes a man feel glad to be alive.  
Especially since, (remember),  
here we are in *Mid-December*;  
there's just no finer place to be at 75!

Photographer Sergeant B.R. Arberry skillfully managed to get these Pacific Area Regular Support Staff (and one CF Recruiter) to conceal their tennis racquets and fishing rods for this 75th anniversary photo.



(L-R): Corporal D.M. Howat and Warrant Officer C.A. Robertson – Regular Support Staff for the Royal Westminster Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer L.L. Schulz – Pacific Militia Area RSS RSM; Sergeant W.B. Bennett – Recruit Centre Vancouver; Colonel M.H. McMurray – Chief of Staff at Headquarters Pacific Militia Area; Captain R.A.H. Parker – Chief Instructor, Pacific Militia Area Schools; Major V.J.S. McKeen – S02 Logistics at Headquarters Pacific Militia Area; Master Corporal J.E. Markwart and Master Warrant Officer R.M. Scrafton – Regular Support Staff for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.  
Missing (in body but not spirit) is Captain L. Palhazi – S03 Manning at Headquarters Pacific Militia Area.



1989 was a relatively quiet year for the Patricias on extra-regimental employment at CFB Chilliwack. Mostly the 75th Anniversary was celebrated in fine fashion at the Home Station. With the "Better 'Ole" being the focus of attention, many of us renewed old friendships and were hard pressed to remember the new ones.

The schools here maintain their busy schedules, with the Patricias being in the thick of it. Conducting back to back courses seems to be the norm with an endless flow of candidates to train. From Base Operations to General Military Training there continues to be a Patricia influence exerted. This is quite clear to all who pass through training here.

This "Diamond" year for the Regiment has seen the retirement of three Patricias; WO Duke Fall, WO Gil Hopkins and Cpl Warren Featherstone, choosing to end their service and pursue other interests. There was also an influx of "called out" Patricias from the Lower Mainland area to form the basis of a Regimental regime; WO Jim Schulz and WO Ken McLeod.

Despite Chilliwack being the best place to spend an extra-regimental employment, many of us are looking forward to returning to regimental duty wherever it may be. Postings here continue to keep our numbers' spirits strong. Once again preparations are being made within the Regimental family for the March 17th celebrations, concentrating on reaching new heights in Broom-i-Loo. Best of luck to all and if ever you're in Rainbow Country, drop in and see us.



*Capt Hunt receives his carrier landing qualification after many "wave-offs".*



*MCpl Kay being promoted as CWO Simpson looks on.*



*Brigadier-General MacKenzie, Commander CTC inspects the Quarter-Guard from CFOCS, 15 August 1989.*



*Cpl Featherstone receives his farewell from the Regiment by Maj Pope.*



*WO Gill Lapierre, formerly 1 PPCLI, presents a picture of PPCLI Pioneers in Korea to CWO E.C. Simpson SLWO CFOCS.*



## WEST COAST EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY EMPLOYED PATRICIAS

*by Captain D.L. Giacomelli*

**R**est assured, Patricias, that all of your West Coast postings are being well manned by an able crew. Whether it be Tsunami or the dreaded "Big One", take comfort in the knowledge that your retirement properties will be guarded by the band of brothers led by the Director Regional Operations, Lieutenant-Colonel "Curly" Gentles. Our employment is as diverse as the currents that moderate our climate, ranging from support to the Militia, the Ready Supplementary Reserves, Cadets and Royal Roads Military College through to helping the Navy run anything that doesn't float or washes up above the high tide mark and smells.

This year we all came together on 17 March to celebrate that special occasion with the local Association chaps and the 3 PPCLI Rear Party at Work Point Barracks, the Battalion being away in sunny California. The day turned out to be a sign of what was to come in Calgary as a large number of seasoned Patricias led by General Ware showed up, bent on renewing old comradeship and enjoying themselves.

In June, some of us joined with the Okanagan members of the Association, the PPCLI Army Cadets and a guard from 3 PPCLI in commemorating a plaque at Vernon Army Cadet Camp which was dedicated to all Patricias who have trained at that historic site. This project began under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Lilley, MC who sadly moved on before its completion.

It was a year that reminded all of us who we are and one that we're not likely to forget.



*Front Rank (L-R): Capt Joe Danyleyko, Capt Jerry Venn, LCol "Curly" Gentles, Maj John MacKenzie, Capt Dave Giacomelli, MWO Jim Wooley.*

*Rear Rank (L-R): Sgt Roy Chenier, Capt Bob Gauthier, Maj Arnie Lavoie, WO Dave McConnell, Maj Tom Stout, Sgt Frank Bishop, Sgt Phil Rice, Capt Macgregor MacIntosh, MWO Jerry Lee.*

*AWL from photo: MWO Bob Aspinwall, Maj Court Stevens, Capt Buzz Worth, Capt Doug Oliphant, Maj Wally Ratz, Sgt Kim Arnold, Sgt Jim Scott, Maj Ross MacLaughlin, Capt Lindsay Reinelt, MWO Ted Ruck, Capt Doug Thompson, Capt Ian Hay, Maj Bill MacMillan, Maj Ron Johnson, MWO Knobby Clark.*

## TORONTO AREA PATRICIAS

by Captain B.G. Bailey

1989 brought many changes for the Patricias of the Greater Toronto region. Perhaps the most notable change was the change of the Senior Serving Patricia. Colonel Almstrom departed for Mobile Command Headquarters after two years as Chief of Staff for Central Militia Area Headquarters and Major-General Stewart arrived to command the new Land Forces Central Area (LFCA HQ). While the arrival of Major-General Stewart is most welcomed by all ranks, Colonel Almstrom's presence as the representative for regimental affairs will be missed. Major Tweedie remained at Central Militia Area Headquarters and was designated as the representative for regimental affairs by Major-General Stewart. Major Ramsden arrived from the First Battalion to become the G1 Plans at LFCA Headquarters.

Although many Patricias remained in Toronto there were significant changes in employment. Major Diakow relinquished his duties as S02 Ops at Toronto Militia District Headquarters to become the Chief of Staff of the District. This impacted on the manning of the Headquarters as Captain Cunningham was retained despite his efforts to escape to Cornwallis. Captain Day was moved from the Toronto Scottish Regt to join the Operations and Training cell at District Headquarters. He has barely been seen in his new capacity as he has become preoccupied with Staff School and the Intermediate Operations Course.

Warrant Officer Snea was not left to carry the Regimental Flag alone with the Toronto Scottish Regt. Major Lansey left the Second Battalion to become the first Regular Force Deputy Commanding Officer of a Militia unit. Rumours are that he has developed a fondness for kilts and acquired a preference for Scotch!

The Patricias supporting the Queen's Own Rifles also changed. After a lengthy and enjoyable career, Warrant Officer Halcrow retired after a year in Toronto. This created a vacancy which was filled by Warrant Officer Charlebois who arrived from the Airborne Regiment. Captain Rock Weigand was temporarily intoxicated with visions of becoming a fighter pilot but he came to his senses and returned to the Regimental fold. Rock was heard commenting that, "the flying was easy – it was the landing that hurt". In any case, Captain Weigand has returned to Toronto where he is now employed at Central Militia Area Headquarters as Staff Officer Personnel.

The Patricia presence with the 48th Highlanders was cut entirely as Captain Waddell, who harboured ambitions of returning to Regimental Duty early, was seconded to serve as the Personal Aide to Major-General Stewart. Clearly the first draft of his autobiography is progressing well and will be entitled either, "*The Secret of Their Success*", or "*Practice Makes Perfect*". Sergeant Lilly also left the 48th Highlanders, but he too, remained in Toronto at the Recruiting Centre. Sergeant Lilly was enthusiastically greeted on arrival by Sergeant Fry as it permitted Sergeant Lilly to leave Toronto and return to the Airborne Regiment.

Master Corporal Auer returned to duty with the First Battalion and was replaced by Master Corporal Hickey, in a one for one deal, to keep Captain Bailey company with the Hasty Pees in Belleville. Incidentally, Captain Bailey is the only Unit Support Officer of the "Best and Brightest" to remain for a third year ... no comment.

Other Patricias in the Toronto area for 1989 include: the three Command and Staff College students, Majors Blekaitis, McDonough and Mohr who have been very busy jaunting around the world. Captain Gallagher, is now in his third and final year in the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto and Captain Bernier is studying Medicine at McMasters. Sergeant Boustead is in his final year at the Recruiting Centre in Peterborough and has been successful in doubling the size of his family in this posting. Finally, there was the opportunity to visit with the many transient Patricias as they toiled at the Staff School.

There are also several former Patricias and Corps NCOs who have served with the Regiment now serving with Headquarters LFCA or Central Militia Area. Ex-Patricias Major Lloyd Hackel and Warrant Officer Roger Sirois are serving as G2 LFCA and G4 Supply NCO for Central Militia Area respectively and Warrant Officer Gord Eason and Warrant Officer Erin Bartlett, both of recent Third Battalion fame, are serving as G4 Maint NCO and NCO IC Central Militia Area MP Sect respectively.

The Regimental Day celebrations were again successful despite the decision not to hold the traditional broom-i-loo game due to the exceptionally good playing conditions (a vast amount of wet snow!). Even the challenge from the Captains against all comers was not enough to initiate a game. The day's celebrations were highlighted by the presentation of the Regimental Achievement Award to Colonel Syd Frost, who was genuinely surprised and appreciative and the retirement presentations to Warrant Officer Halcrow.

The serving members and the Hamilton and Toronto Branches of the Association enjoyed a Dining-in in November where talk of the Regiment's 75th celebrations in both Calgary and Ottawa pervaded the evening. For those who did not attend the Calgary celebrations, it was an opportunity to enjoy the event vicariously. Major-General Stewart has vigorously been promoting close ties between the serving Patricias and the Association and two more joint functions are planned for our Regimental Day and Frezenberg Day this spring.

In all, 1989 was a good year and 1990 promises to be equally successful for all members of the Regimental family in the Toronto area.



*Major Tweedie presents a Regimental Achievement Award to Colonel Syd Frost in recognition of his book "Once a Patricia".*



*Major Tweedie presents a Regimental Retirement Statue to Warrant Officer Halcrow during Regimental Day celebrations.*



*Toronto Militia District Patricias 88/89: Bottom Row (L-R): Captain Bailey, Warrant Officer Halcrow, Major Diakow, Captain Cunningham, Warrant Officer Snea. Centre Row (L-R): Master Corporal Auer, Captain Weigand. Top Row (L-R): Captain Day, Captain Waddell, Sergeant Lilly.*



*Dining-in hosted jointly by serving members and the PPCLI Association at CFB Toronto 15 November 1989.*



## OTTAWA AREA PATRICIAS

*by Captain D.A.B. Salmon*

**T**he number of Patricias in the Ottawa area continued to grow during the past year. Notable additions to our family were Major-General John Sharpe, Major-General Gord Reay and Colonel Ian Gray. We lost Brigadier-General Larry Gollner to Northern Region Headquarters in Yellowknife. Of course one of the highlights of the year was the appointment of General de Chastelain to Chief of the Defence Staff.

A great part of our year was taken up with planning and organizing the 75th Anniversary celebrations in Ottawa. Everyone pitched in to ensure it was a success and the support from the Association and the likes of Brigadier-General (Retd) Chris Snider and Major (Retd) Bill Love was tremendous. Of course we celebrated the Regimental Day in style. A Broom-i-loo game was held in the Cartier Square Drill Hall. With only five Senior NCOs it was decided we would form teams in the under and over 35 bracket. Does this say something about NDHQ? To everyone's surprise the experience and aggressiveness of the over 35 group beat the youngsters. The game was followed by drinks at the Cameron Highlanders Mess and Captain Malcom Bruce provided pizza for all from a secret Regional Support Staff source. In the evening, a dinner was held at the Ottawa Army Officers' Mess.

### War Museum Display

**O**n Wednesday, 6 September, the joint PPCLI/R22eR display at the National War Museum was officially opened. The ceremony was attended by the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Manson, Lieutenant-General de Chastelain and Colonels of both the Regiments. The R22eR band provided music and a number of demonstrations were given by both regiments. The R22eR re-enacted the changing of the guard at the Citadel, and the Patricias presented soldiers in WWI, WWII and Korean period uniforms. 2 Airborne Commando provided an entertaining unarmed combat display.

### 75th Anniversary Celebrations in Ottawa

**O**ur celebrations for the 75th Anniversary commenced with an all ranks happy hour hosted by the Association, on Friday, 8 September, at the Cameron Highlanders Warrant Officer and Sergeants' Mess.

On Saturday, 9 September, a joint PPCLI/R22eR parade was held on Parliament Hill. Guards from 2 PPCLI, 3 R22eR, 1 Cdo and 2 Cdo participated. The parade was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Pete Kenward and the parade deputy was Major Wiley Kemp. The parade was reviewed by the Governor General, the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauve and the Colonels of both the Regiments. The new Chief of the Defence Staff, General AJGD de Chastelain and a huge crowd of Patricias and Van Doos attended.

Following the parade, a reception was held in the concourse of NDHQ and stamps issued by Canada Post commemorating the formation of both regiments were officially unveiled by the Governor General.

On Saturday evening, 450 Patricias from across Canada joined our Colonel of the Regiment for our 75th Anniversary Dinner and Dance held by the Association at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. The Regimental Band provided music and an excellent time was had by all.

A Commemorative Parade was held the next day which re-enacted the return of the Regiment to Ottawa, in 1919, and a service of remembrance was held at the old Ottawa train station and the National War Memorial. The WWI guard, organized and commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Hunt was superb. The Association and 2 PPCLI also provided guards for the parade. Following the remembrance service and laying wreaths at the National War Memorial, a reception hosted by the City of Ottawa, was held in the main concourse of NDHQ.

All of the weekend activities were a tremendous success and many thanks are due the serving members of the Regiment and the Association who worked so hard for many months preparing for the parades and other events.

### Remembrance Day

**T**he Association held its traditional remembrance service at the Regimental Cairn in Lansdowne Park. The service was well attended by both serving members and the Association with a turn out of well over a hundred. A reception followed the service and was held in the Salon in the Civic Center.

## Visit Of Our Colonel-In-Chief

**T**he last event of our very busy year in Ottawa was the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief on 15 November. She had not been able to be with us for our celebrations in September, but made a special visit to Canada in November, to visit 2 Airborne Commando in Petawawa and her Patricias in Ottawa. On the evening of her arrival in Ottawa, a Reception was held in her honour at the Ottawa Army Officers' Mess and was well attended by serving Patricias and the Association. The next day Lady Patricia visited the National War Museum display and other local attractions. She also paid a special visit to Patricias undergoing treatment at the National Defence Medical Centre.



*The massed bands leaving Parliament Hill.*



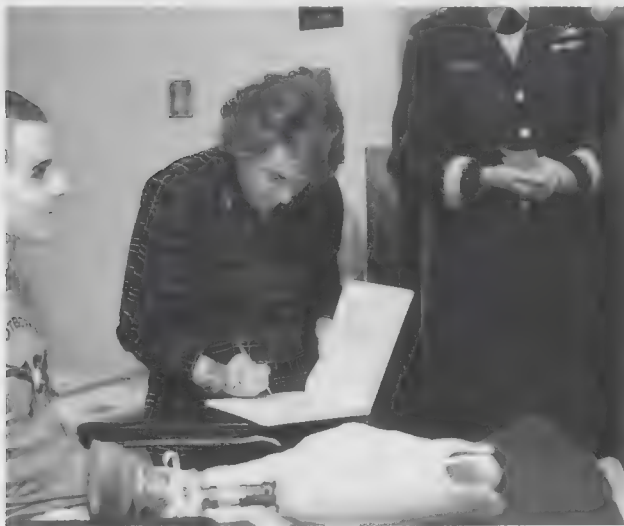
*The WWI Guard led by Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Hunt.*



*The Governor General accompanied by the Parade Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Pete Kenward and Colonels of both Regiments inspect the 2 Airborne Commando Guard.*



*The entrance to the National War Museum display.*



*Lady Patricia visiting with Private Chris Anderberg from 2 PPCLI at the National Defence Medical Centre.*



*The Governor General accompanied by the Parade Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Pete Kenward and Colonels of both Regiments inspect the 2 Airborne Commando Guard.*



*The former Colonel of the Regiment; Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland with the Commanding Officers of 2 CDO and 2 PPCLI at the National War Museum display reception.*



*Mr. Gordon Hurlburt, a WWI Patricia, cuts the ribbon to open the National War Museum display.*





*2 PPCLI Guard at the present during the commemorative parade.*



*The Association Guard commanded by Ed McMahon at the commemorative parade.*



*The commemorative stamps being marched on for unveiling by the Governor General.*



*2 PPCLI Guard marching on for the commemorative parade.*



*The 2 Airborne Commando Guard marching off Parliament Hill.*



*The Colonel of the Regiment presenting a Regimental gift of a modern-day Patricia statuette to the Governor General.*



*Uncasing the Colours on Parliament Hill.*



*The Colonel of the Regiment's address at the National War Museum.*



*The receiving line at the reception, 15 November, at the Army Officers' Mess.*



*Lady Patricia with the Colonel of the Regiment at the National War Museum.*



*Lady Patricia with the Colonel of the Regiment at the National War Museum.*



*The WWI Guard led by Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Hunt.*

## QUEBEC REGION PATRICIAS MOBILE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

by Capt I.R. Creighton

**E**arlier Sitreps in 1987 and 1988 described how SACPM (Supreme Allied Commander Patricia Mafia) launched a plan to seize command of Army HQ. This year Lieutenant-General Kent Foster was appointed Commander of the Army and fulfilled the mission.

We are happy to announce the annual reinforcement program is proceeding smoothly. This year's Patricias were Col John Almstrom, Majs Bob Thompson and Frank Parker, and the new Mr. Dental Plan Capt Steve Dunn. At the French Language School in St. Hubert Capts Dan Drew, Barry McLean, and Mike Minicola started Phase 1 of their posting to La Belle Province. (Phase 2 will be a x-posting to FMCHQ). Across the many bridges to the Island of Montreal Capts Mark Andrews and Matt MacDonald assumed RSS positions with the Black Watch and the RMR respectively.

As with each year the battle weary must leave. After only one year at the Headquarters Brigadier-General Vernon departed for 1 CBG, LCol Ray Romses is now CO 1 PPCLI and Maj Phil Cook is having flashbacks of the Infantry School at the PPCLI Battle School. Capts Tony Kaduck, Bob Saunders and Scott MacDonald stopped off in Winnipeg this summer and never left. (Hope they took their parkas.) You remember Capt "Crazy Legs" Giraldeau, well he went to HQ 1 CBG. Yes Ted, we know the message said 1 PPCLI.

The soon to be posted but "sorry not this year" crowd can be seen wandering the halls of Army HQ. This group of Patricias has perfected the art of aggressive driving and no longer requires a French dictionary to translate outdoor signs. Leading the group of diehards is LGen Kent Foster, followed by LCol Shaun Tymchuk who is now in his fourth consecutive year. (Keep your chin up Shaun.) LCol Jim Calvin is still the SSO Infantry. Capts Ian Creighton, Kurt Fredrickson, Ken Orr, Dave Wilson, along with CWO Gary Stevens and MWO Allen Comeau continue to hold the fort. The Regiment is still well represented at St. Jean by Sgt Greg Melnechuck at the Language School and MCpls Dan Ferron and Don Lalonde at the Recruit School. Oh yes, Capts Harry Jarche and Steve Borland are well established in Valcartier.

In June, the Quebec Region Patricias held the Hamilton Gault Memorial Service at Parc St. Hilaire. This was the original estate of Hamilton Gault and is now maintained by McGill University as a park for the public. The service was attended by many past and present serving Patricias and was a great success. Also in June, then Col Vernon had the opportunity to present Jim de Lalanne Junior with some mementos of the dedication of the J.A. de Lalanne Building.

You will be pleased to hear that the PPCLI were victorious for the second consecutive year in the annual East vs. West (PPCLI vs RCR) football game. Many thanks to the solid throwing arm and speed of Capt Mark Andrews. Final score was 21 to 14. During the annual Regimental Broom-i-loo game the officers were once again the victors. (CWO Stevens better get some support posted in.)

While reading this article keep in mind the large number of soon to be posted Patricias. Someone will have to replace them in 1990. Volunteers?



*Nous parlons français.*



*Selecting the next person to go to the Middle East using the new task sourcing computer.*





*Colonel Vernon (now Brigadier-General) presents some mementos to Jim de Lalanne Jr. of the dedication of the J.A. de Lalanne Building.*



*LCol Tymchuk with the DCOS TRG Col Archibald (RCR). Four years and still smiling.*



*Quebec Region Patricias (L-R): CWO G.J. Stevens, Capt M.R. MacDonald, LCol T.J. Calvin, LGen K.R. Foster, Col J.A. Almstrom, Maj R.E. Thompson, Capt S.R. Dunn, MWO J.A. Comeau.  
(On TD): LCol S.P. Tynchuk, Maj E.F. Parker, Capts I.R. Creighton, K.I. Fredrickson, D.P. Wilson, D. Drew, B.J. McLean, M. Minicola, M. Andrews, S.E.K. Boland, H. Jarche, Sgt G.D. Melnychuk, MCpls J.D.S. Lalanne, D. Ferron.*

# PATRICIAS IN CANADIAN FORCES EUROPE

by Major E.L. Markell

**T**he Patricias are alive and remain strong (despite reduced numbers) in Canadian Forces Europe. It's quality that counts, not quantity, as the Patricias continue to serve to a rare high standard.

The first comment that must be made is that the departure of 2 PPCLI from Baden is still felt throughout the CFE community. One has only to walk through the two bases to find that our hat badge elicits all sorts of questions and comments about the Battalion and how much it is missed. It appears there is a real need for another PATRICIA ROYAL.

We European Patricias celebrated the Regimental Day with the Commander CFE, Major-General J.L. Sharpe, by dropping in on him in his office for crumpets and a Regimental Toast. Joining Major-General Sharpe were Majs Markell and Parsons (Int), Captain Reuter (Int), Warrant Officers Gobin and Berthelot, Master Corporal Perry, Corporal Lyle and Captain (Retd) Dickson. Absent on duty were Cpts Paquin, Brause, Mathewson and Sergeant Forbes.

The 75th Anniversary was not forgotten in CFE as Major-General C.W. (Bill) Hewson presented a commemorative silver plate to the City of Ypres' burgermeister, M. Verstaete, in honour of the Regiments' historic and cherished association with Ypres. Accompanying Major-General Hewson on this most delightful duty were his wife Nora, Major Gene Markell and his wife Anne. The City of Ypres in turn presented Major-General Hewson with a lovely plaque for the Regiment.

The CFE Regimental family had some personnel changes during the past year. Departing were Major-General Sharpe to NDHQ, Major Parsons to CFB Borden, Captain Mathewson to CFB Borden on reclassification and Warrant Officer Gobel to Winnipeg. Reinforcements to the region are Major Bill Turner to CFE HQ and Captain Todd Moxley to 1 Cdn Div HQ Det. Remaining in European Direct Support are Major-General C.W. Hewson – SHAPE, Colonel W.H. Minnis – Tel Aviv, Colonel B.W. Ashton – SHAPE, Lieutenant-Colonel W.A. Dehne – Oslo, and Major Sandy MacDonald – CENTAG.

Many Patricias visited CFE on duty during the past year, as well. They included General de Chastelain – Chief of the Defence Staff, Major-General K.R. Foster – Commander Mobile Command, Colonel B.W. Ashton – SHAPE, Lieutenant-Colonel R.K. MacDiarmid – NDHQ, Major (ret'd) L.M. Debel – NDHQ, Major C.P. Dillon – NDHQ, Chief Warrant Officer Arndt – NBC School. It was refreshing to meet with and speak to these members of our regimental family.

Many Patricias in CFE stand ready to assist any of you who are passing through and we'd be pleased to hoist a "stein" with you. Prosit and zum volle.



*Regimental Day Gathering (L-R): MCorporal Chuck Perry, Captain (Retd) Bill Dickson, Corporal Lyall, WO Berthelot, Major-General J.L. Sharpe, Major Bob Parsons (Int), Warrant Officer Gobel, Captain Ron Reuters (Int), Major Gene Markell.*



*Presentation of City of Ypres Plaque by Mr. Andre Verstraete, Mayor of the City of Ypres.*



*Presentation of 75th Anniversary Plate to City of Ypres by Major-General C.W. (Bill) Hewson.*

# THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

## The First Battalion

**T**he first half of 1989 has been notable more for its turbulence in terms of changes in the command structure than for any major Battalion commitments. Nevertheless, looking back on the last six months, there has been a lot going on.

Not only has the Commanding Officer changed, and we were delighted to welcome Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Stanford-Tuck to the Battalion in February, but all company commanders except one have changed as has every key appointment in Battalion Headquarters except the Second-in-Command, all support platoon commanders and most Headquarter company officers. The one advantage of these changes is that the Colonel should have a fairly stable team for the next 18 months to see him through what looks like a busy training year in 1990. It has of course produced its ups and downs in the short term!

Our major operational commitment this year has been to LIVEOAK, the tripartite allied (not NATO) treaty which was created after the Berlin Blockade. It is a treaty with a high political profile which involves the Battalion in a Tripartite Battle group based on 1 RGJ but with American Tanks and French Gunners. It is a unique commitment which is not particularly testing in the tactical sense but is fun and very interesting. We have already hosted a most successful study period and are looking forward to the FTX in late August.

In addition we have had our usual full share of BAOR training commitments to CPX's, FTX's at Battle Group, Brigade and Divisional level. We have also sent our Mortar and Milan platoons on specialist concentrations. Recently, we returned from a two week firing camp at Sennelager which was made especially challenging this year as for the first time we had the opportunity to use the Infantry's new hand held light anti-tank weapon (LAW 80). It has proved itself a very good system with its own particularly well designed and enjoyable training package including simulators and sub-calibre devices.

On the sporting front we have had a most successful Boxing season. Our team became 1 Armoured Division Boxing Champions and we have three BAOR champions who went on to the Army finals where Rifleman Waterhouse became the Army Middleweight Novice Champion. Companies are now training hard for our own annual novices competition and with last year's success to build on we hope to field a strong team next season. The Battalion has also had a most successful swimming team. Swimming is not a sport which we have previously looked upon as a high priority but we nevertheless came third in the BAOR major unit championship and Rifleman Cornhill is the BAOR record holder for the 50m Butterfly.

At Easter time we also mounted a mountaineering expedition to the Alps led by Captain Nick Martyn, our PPCLI exchange officer. Unfortunately blizzards and avalanches prevented the team from completing the Haute Route and climbing to the top of Mont Blanc but they certainly had some excellent and exciting climbing. We are most grateful to Jaguar Deutschland whose general sponsorship made the whole venture possible.

Also at Easter time we said a goodbye to the Peninsula Band who have been attached to us for the last two years. We have missed them, particularly as it has left BAOR with no Light Division Band. We wish them well for their tour in Dover and hope to see them soon when they visit Germany later this year.

At this stage most considerations were shaped by what was undoubtedly the year's major commitment – our role as the leading contingent in the LIVEOAK Tripartite Battlegroup which forms yearly to signify allied resolve to maintain free land access to Berlin. The exercise known as Exercise TREATY in June, saw a company of United States Cavalry M1 ABRAMS from 2/66 Armour arrive at Sennelager, along a battery of fearsome looking French 155mm SP guns. The artillery were to demonstrate that their stunning firepower was achieved at the expense of decidedly cutprice running gear: International Incidents were narrowly avoided and TREATY was adjudged successful – though things looked dicey when ribald comments issued from a sweetly running 432 overtaking a broken down French howitzer rather presumptuously titled 'Waterloo'.

In August, we welcomed Capt (QGO) Lachhimprasad Gurung who became 2IC Support Company. He will be sorely missed when he leaves in January 90. We are eternally grateful to him that he was happy to be known as Lachhim, particularly when it came to writing nominal rolls!

In September the Battalion deployed as part of 22 Armoured Brigade on the 1 Armoured Division FTX WHITE RHINO. This year, it was decided that a new concept would be trialled, designed to limit the exercise damage which is so costly in terms not only of money, but also of local goodwill. The idea was that Brigade FTXs would be run, followed by a Divisional "Command Force Exercise" (CFX) – "O" Group vehicles only staying in the field in week 2.

The CFX attracted much comment, which will likely lead to a "new improved version" next year; a CPX-FTX-CFX mix may be the pattern of future BAOR exercises. Whatever comes of this, Exercises STAG RHINO and WHITE RHINO proved a testing run out for men and machines, some vehicles covering 600 track miles. Many lessons were learned, not the least that the ability to speak a little German ensures a better barn!

Also in September Letter "B" Company were 'cut' to 1 (GE) Corps for their FTX 'Offences Visier' (Open Sights!). Once they had deciphered the encyclopaedic Op Order, they were relieved to find that a German FTX consists of a lot of meticulously planned movement and little else – so the Company Commander's undoubted flair for 'Augtragstaktik' remained untested!



In addition in October the Ops Officer organized an airmobile exercise in Schleswig Holstein; despite herculean labours by him, the time of year was simply incompatible with low level flying, and the exercise was not an unqualified success.

1989 has been a full and rewarding year for 1 RGJ, during which inevitable frustrations, including a necessary reduction to 2 platoons per company, have been more than countered by successes at every level, and in many fields.

## The 2nd Battalion

**T**he past twelve months have been varied, interesting and challenging for the Second Battalion, the main features of the year being a four month operational tour in Northern Ireland, our conversion to SAXON, and our deployment to the Continent on a major NATO exercise.

January 1989 found the Battalion in the final stages of preparing for a forthcoming tour in Northern Ireland. Of interest is our reinforcement during our work up training before Christmas by a composite platoon formed by 1 and 3 RGJ, to provide a fourth platoon for C Company, and 2Lt Charles Bather from 2/2 GR, to command a platoon in D Company. We returned from Christmas leave on 2nd, only to leave that day for almost all of the remainder of the month to complete various range and dry training packages.

From February to June 1989 the Battalion deployed to Northern Ireland. 'Tac HQ' with B and D Companies under command, joined 3 Infantry Brigade and were responsible for most of East Fermanagh, while A and C Companies were detached to 4 (also part of 3 Brigade) and 8 UDR respectively. The improvements in the situation since the formation of 3 Infantry Brigade were clear and our tour was relatively quiet, though we did have some narrow escapes and just missed catching a terrorist red handed. We had the added advantage of being near friends; Brigadier Charles Vyvyan (late RGJ) was our Brigadier and Lieutenant Colonel James Carter (RGJ) was 8 UDR's Commanding Officer.

After well earned leave we spent July and August running a multiplicity of internal cadres, mainly based in Dover, and took delivery of our SAXON APCs. This helped to prepare us for Ex PLAIN SAILING in September, in which we practised defending the Lines of Communication on the Continent. The added activities which we had organized, which included one company's attachment to the Belgian Army and another adventure training in Bavaria, helped to compensate for the main exercise, which for various reasons lacked any real excitement.

To gain time for uninterrupted training in the early months of next year, we had volunteered to meet as many external commitments as possible in October. The powers that be did not let us down! October was thus a hectic month, with companies deploying all over the country in support of, amongst others, the School of Infantry, RMA Sandhurst and 23 SAS. November was largely devoted to shooting on Lydd and Hythe ranges; first a week long mandatory range package in preparation for SPEARHEAD, then two weeks devoted to completing the APWT, culminating in a two day Battalion Skill at Arms Meeting. During the month we also completed the major task of getting ourselves and our equipment ready for SPEARHEAD, with all the preparations and inspections that this entails.

Despite our various commitments we have had time to put much emphasis on sport and many other leisure pursuits since returning from Northern Ireland; the latter included sending a platoon to Gibraltar for a month, entering a team for the Nijmegen Marches, and sending four riflemen to America for the World Martial Arts Championships.

As I write, we are in the process of completing our annual inter platoon competition before standing down for Christmas. We remain on SPEARHEAD until the end of December and keep our fingers crossed that no unforeseen emergency will require our return from leave. We look forward to another challenging year in 1990, which includes a six week exercise in Canada.

## The 3rd Battalion

**T**he summer months in Gibraltar arrived with the Battalion well established in its routine of Guards, Ceremonial Duties and Operational commitments. For the whole summer we had companies deployed successively in the UK on training and with this, and a second company on leave, we found ourselves very light on the ground. Combined with our own absences we were required to host a succession of TA companies on exercise from the UK and a casual onlooker, faced with the plethora of non Green Jacket capbadges, could have been forgiven for assuming that 3 RGJ had abandoned the Rock altogether! One highlight among our TA guests was a company from 5 RGJ who gave us the excuse for a most enjoyable joint dinner night in the presence of their Colonel Commandant, General Sir Peter Hudson.

For the long hot summer we adopted a 'tropical' routine, starting early in the morning and finishing work at 1 p.m. Our afternoons were not idle however, as we were on standby for a variety of tasks in support of the civilian authorities including fire fighting on the Upper Rock. We deployed once to deal with a large fire which threatened some of our married quarters and were amused to note that 2 RGJ had dealt with a similar fire, in the same place, on exactly the same day in August 1975! Naturally, we claim a speedier and more effective solution to the problem.

By mid October the last Company had returned from training in the UK and life in barracks began to assume a more normal aspect. Ceremonial Duties moved to the forefront again and in a two month period we found Guards for the Ceremony of the Keys, the visit of CDS, a royal visit from the Duke of Kent, the departure of HE the Governor and, finally, the arrival of his relief. Training was not neglected of course and A Company deployed a team to the UK where they won a very creditable Silver Medal in the Cambrian Patrol Competition, HQ Company went mountain climbing in the snow covered hills of Morocco (the snow gets deeper every time the story is repeated!), and a hardy band of amateur historians visited the battlefields of the Peninsula War in Spain. The battlefield tour covered Salamanca, much of the retreat to Corunna and Vigo, and, to get the full flavour of the event, walked 25 miles of the route one day to give themselves a worthy appetite for dinner!

In November our attention turned to more traditional activities as we prepared for the Gibraltar biennial Tri-Service FTX. A Study Day and Deployment exercise provided a little practice in the skills of Key Point defence and inter-service communications and then, at the end of the month, we deployed for 4 days along with our colleagues from the Gibraltar Regiment to fight off the Orange hoard. 10,000 sandbags were filled, subversive bishops man-handled and unexploded bombs avoided while we defended our positions and, as ever, concluded with a last desperate enemy attack in some of the most un-Mediterranean weather seen for many years. We then moved swiftly from the exercise to the annual inter platoon Tarleton Trophy to round off the year before Christmas leave. The competition, a round robin of individual and team tests, provided a suitable and keenly contested conclusion to our 1989 training.

## The 4th Battalion

**T**he year 1989 has again been a busy one with members of the Battalion exercising at home and overseas as far away as Canada, Germany and Kenya individually and in groups. It has also been a year of change on the staff list.

Colonel the Right Hon The Lord Holderness relinquished his appointment as Honorary Colonel after twenty-seven years on the 30 November 1989 and handed over to a former Rifleman, Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, lately Her Majesty's Ambassador to Spain.

Lt Col Neil Johnson handed over command in April 1989 to Lt Col Jamie Daniell. Colonel Neil went back to civilian life after three years as a 'Regular' and now helps to run the Land Rover Organization. Colonel Jamie joins us from HQ The Light Division, Winchester after a short period of being a media star with the BBC.

Major Nick Mangnall handed over to Major Jan-Dirk von Merveldt as Training Major in July 1989. Nick has gone to Northern Ireland on promotion to command the 8th Bn of The Ulster Defence Regiment.

Capt James Cunliffe the Adjutant handed over to Capt James Moberly who joins us via 2 RGJ after being ADC to GOC Northern Ireland. James Cunliffe has gone to Gibraltar with 3 RGJ to enjoy the Mediterranean sunshine.

The early part of 1989 included an exceedingly wet weekend in Wales where the Inter Section Competition was carried out. In March the Battalion achieved 2nd, 7th, 18th and 22nd place out of 33 entries in the London District Courage Trophy, a military multi discipline competition. We also ran and helped with Exercise Executive Stretch where 90 exhausted executives enjoyed themselves so much that it has become a permanent event every spring.

On the shooting side we had an enjoyable joint skill at arms meeting with 5 RGJ as a prelude to the London District meeting at which we won an embarrassing amount of silver. In spite of this early success the ultimate goal of winning the Territorial Army Bisley competition escaped us as we only managed to achieve second overall place. This was a particular disappointment to Colour Sergeant Wiggins who has for so many years been so very close to the Queen's medal at Bisley.

In early July the Second in Command ran a successful Battalion exercise on Salisbury Plain which was made the more memorable by the Mortar Officer appearing in only pullover, green trousers and city shoes having locked himself out of his flat. This form of dress certainly says something for the enthusiasm of the TA volunteers who will turn up irrespective of what the difficulties are.

Annual Camp in September was in Germany where we spent one week on the Vogelsang training area in the Eifel and the second week acting as enemy to 22 Armoured Brigade in a fast moving battle on the Paderborn Plain. It was a most enjoyable exercise especially as it gave all the Riflemen a variety of things to do and it enabled the Battalion and its sub-units to carry out their respective roles in a realistic and tactical environment. Not only did this enhance the exercise for all the volunteers but it also confronted them with a realistic target array of armour, mechanized vehicles and helicopters, something which we never or seldom achieve on a weekend exercise.

In October, we once more decamped as a Battalion to the Stanford training area for a weekend exercise run by our local HQ, 56 London Brigade.

On the domestic front we were delighted to be able to move our B Company back into Fulham House in October. Major Andrew Askham the Officer Commanding B Company marched his Company from their temporary accommodation in Lytton Grove through Putney High Street over the Thames into the new and refurbished Fulham House where we were lucky to have Prince Nicholas von Preussen to inspect and to re-open the redeveloped TA Centre for us. This was a historical link with the past as his great grandfather Kaiser Wilhelm II, better known as Kaiser Bill, had himself reviewed the Queen's Westminsters in 1891 at Buckingham Palace. The Queen's Westminsters were the traditional forebearers of our B Company.

Our H (HSF) Home Service Company is growing from strength to strength. In spite of not having joined the official ORBAT yet members of the Company managed to win the London District HSF competition and bring home a very nice silver pot. We are delighted to note that not an inconsiderable number of retired Green Jackets are joining the HSF many of them quite prepared to drop their substantive rank and to serve as Riflemen in this force.

What will be of particular interest to our allied regiments is that we have now serving with us one Canadian, one Australian and one New Zealand Officer.

In closing this Newsletter all of us in 4 RGJ wish all of you in our allied and affiliated regiments all the very best for 1990 and should your work bring you to London we will always be happy to see you and should you wish to serve with us during your time in London that too can be arranged in most cases.

## The 5th Battalion

Since our last report members of the Battalion have been on no less than 3 'annual' camps. Since every Territorial is only required to do one camp of two weeks, the reader could be forgiven for asking, why? First away was the main camp at Thetford for the first half of September. With no clear sub unit structure – there was rather more of the tail from Headquarter Company than the teeth of the Rifle Companies – a series of cadres were run. These were a Recruit Cadre, a GPMG (Sustained Fire) Cadre and a Driving Cadre. Initial scepticism from Battalion HQ at seeing Riflemen dressed in civvies sloping off for a day in the cab of a lorry disappeared with the news of 100% pass rate.

Alongside all of this we managed to complete much fitness training, field firing and a day off at the Norfolk coast. Two Staff Sergeants from the US National Guard also joined on exchange to sample our training and hospitality.

As the main body drove back from Camp 120 men were assembling in Training Centres to go on the 2 week Exercise Marble Tor in Gibraltar. The exercise was likely to happen this year as 3 RGJ were still there to be our hosts. Company Headquarters from Letter E Company at Milton Keynes took under command platoons from each Rifle Company and a composite platoon comprising members of the support platoons. On the Rock, they started on a round robin of tactics, skill-at-arms, and adventure training before undertaking a final exercise directed by the CO and watched by our Honorary Colonel, General Sir Peter Hudson. It involved a beach landing, scaling the cliffs and then fighting through the tunnels inside the Rock itself.

Meanwhile back at the Light Division Depot the brand new Waterloo Band 5 RGJ were parading for their first camp. Formed one year earlier by ex Band Sergeant Major WO2 Morgan, they were now in uniforms and learning to march. This they mastered so quickly that by day 9 they were able to give a marching display to various VIPs. The facilities of Sir John Moore Barracks, both musical and sporting, were greatly appreciated, as was the help of the Resident Regular Band, the Salamanca Band the Light Infantry.

The highlight of the last part of the year has been the takeover, by Letter A Company, of their brand new TA Centre in High Wycombe. Since formation in 1987, they have lived in 4 portacabins on the site of an old TA Centre. The new buildings will be officially opened by HRH The Duchess of Kent on 26 April 1990.

As well as a new building we report that we have a new platoon in Bisector, to tap the area of North Oxfordshire for manpower. As we head into the last year of the formation process, which culminates in our Camp in Germany in June 1990 we can report that we are 85% recruited and ready to practice our operational role.

We have benefited enormously from being located in the only single geographical area the Green Jackets can call their own. We hope that anyone from the Affiliated Regiments (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire) will contact us (0865 716060) and visit when passing through.

## The Light Division Depot Winchester

The highlight of the first half of the year was the visit by Her Majesty the Queen Mother to the Depot on the 25 April. It was very much an "in house" affair with no outside guests. Primarily, she came to see the Light Infantry Members of the Depot, and to plant a grove of eight Copper Beech Trees in memory of the soldiers killed in the Bellygawley Bus Bombing. She also of course saw, and talked to, many Royal Green Jacket Officers and NCOs, and their families. Indeed, the emphasis was one of a relaxed family day, with a light hearted pageant on the role of the Depot and a tour round the various training departments. Thankfully the weather, which had been atrocious throughout the preparation, was fine, if a little cold, on the day.

On the sporting side the Depot has acquitted itself well. The juniors were sadly beaten in the final of the Army Junior Novice Boxing competition, but they won the South East District Division Two Football final. The permanent staff have also kept the side up by becoming the Army Minor Unit Squash Champions, the South East District Squash "knock out" Champions, and the South East District Squash "League Champions". Sgt Howlett APTC is the Amateur Boxing Association Bantam Weight Champion and boxes for Great Britain.



Throughout the glorious summer of 1989 and into the autumn, the Depot has continued to grow in strength and at the end of the year is at full strength with 260 Adult Recruits and 150 Juniors in Training. To achieve a more consistent flow of recruits the system of monthly intakes is to be reintroduced. No doubt life at the Depot will very soon revert to the system that used to pertain in Peninsula Barracks.

As in past years, the Tattoo in the summer saw several thousand visitors over the three days that it took place. This year the emphasis was on the Community and ties with Hampshire County Council who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. To highlight this there was a display by the Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance and Fire in a simulated road traffic accident. The Metropolitan Police Dogs also put in an appearance. After it was all over, we were able to donate over £4,700.00 to various charities.

The two highlights of the latter part of this year were the Expedition to Nepal for 12 Juniors, and the visit of Her Majesty The Queen to open the Museum; both of which are covered elsewhere in this letter. In the sporting world the Depot have again set out to maintain the high standard they achieved last year. They are already through the 1st Round of the Army Cup Squash, and Sgt Howlett is away training as the Bantam Weight for Great Britain in the Commonwealth Games. He has been nominated combined Services Sports Personality of the year. Sadly on our annual sporting competition against HMS Dryad, the Depot was soundly beaten. We will have to redouble our efforts in 1990.

## THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

*by Major A.B. Keech*

**1** 989 was a very productive year for the Royal Australian Regiment. In a year dominated by Exercise Kangaroo 89, the largest peacetime exercise for some time. The year also saw the Regiment continue with its specialized training program.

As the majority of the army takes delivery of the disruptive pattern uniforms, the phase in of the new individual weapon, (STEYR AUG 1) has begun.

### 1st Battalion

**A** very full year of activities which started with A Company deploying to New Zealand for Exercise Golden Fleece with 2/1 RNZIR. Intensive sniper training saw Cpl Rod Aiton represent Australia at the international sniper competition in Hong Kong.

Section and Platoon training continued to prepare the battalion team for the Duke of Gloucester Cup. By the end of July most of the unit deployed to the Northern Territory for Ex K89. A Company was the exception, in September, they deployed for a three month tour of duty in Butterworth, Malaysia.

Following the birthday parade in October most of the unit was involved in specialist and promotion courses which will conclude just prior to the battalion proceeding on the annual Christmas leave break. In all 1989 was a very busy year for the Big Blue One.

### 2nd/4th Battalion

**A**s the priority ODF battalion the unit prepared for a very busy year, this started with the Section Military Skills competition. This led to the first major exercise of the year with 5 Aviation Regiment and our introduction to the Blackhawk Helicopter. This was followed by an exercise with 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment to familiarize the battalion with mounted infantry operations.

One company deployed to Hong Kong and one to Papua, New Guinea to gain valuable overseas experience. Due to Exercise K89 the unit celebrated its birthday early and from mid July began deployment for K89 by road, sea and air. All agreed that the exercise was highly successful. On return to Townsville the unit started a number of courses which took us to the annual leave break.

## 3rd Battalion

**A**fter holding centre stage for most of 1988 as part of the Bicentennial Military Tattoo 1989 saw a return to soldiering for "Old Faithful". Early deployment of C Company to Butterworth left the remainder of the battalion to concentrate on parachuting. With all companies approaching full strength the unit is now fully parachute qualified.

The major battalion activity was Exercise "Far Canopy" involving the Airborne Battalion Group which included the Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Air Dispatchers and Air Defence. The battalion deployed on Exercise K89 as part of the enemy group. Next year the battalion will further its parachuting expertise and renew its involvement with the mechanized side of operations with the remainder of the brigade group.

The Commanding Officer and all ranks of Old Faithful wish to congratulate The Patricias on a successful 75th birthday and special wishes to the Kapyong Battalion.

## 5th/7th Battalion (Mechanized)

**1** 989 has been a very successful and productive year for the Mech battalion. The year began with A Company conducting mechanization courses. On completion of junior NCO training the battalion deployed for the first of two exercises to be held at Puckapunyal.

After the section and champion soldier competitions the unit started training to select the team to compete for the Duke of Gloucester Cup. C Company prepared for deployment to Butterworth and B Company prepared for exchange to Hawaii. D Company prepared for a mechanized role on K89 and the remainder for a dismounted task.

By mid September the battalion was back in Holsworthy, BHQ and attachments prepared for deployment to Singapore for a CPX while the remainder of the unit were involved in courses relating to individual soldier skills. The battalion performed well in the sporting arena by retaining the 1st Brigade athletics and swimming trophies as well as top performances in all major winter sports.

## 6th Battalion

**1** 989 was a year with a difference for the Battalion. The introduction of the F88 Steyr in February/March preceded the battalion's deployment to California for exercise Caltrop Force. The soldiers enthusiastically welcomed the new weapon which proved to be a success exemplified by the results of both company and battalion competitions.

Exercise Caltrop Force was the first quadripartite ABCA exercise held in which all four countries have participated. Much experience in a variety of new skills was gained. On return to Australia the unit began preparations for K89.

Mid August the battalion deployed to Wyndham in the North West of Western Australia as part of the defenders of the country. The good guys were successful as normal and we returned to Brisbane triumphant. 1989 was a very beneficial year for the battalion.

## 8th/9th Battalion

**1** 989 began with A Company located in Butterworth for a three month tour of duty. During their stay they participated in two major exercises, one as an independent company group and the other as part of 10th Malay Rangers. On return to Australia the battalion started individual and sub-unit training to prepare for the Duke of Gloucester Cup and K89.

The keenness and enthusiasm of the battalion was reflected in their performances in the sporting arena and the ultimate triumph in winning the Duke of Gloucester Cup.

During Exercise K89 the unit was part of the friendly forces deployed in the North West of the country. This was a great learning medium for all who participated and much experience has been gained in this type of operation.

The battalion celebrated their birthday with the presentation of new colours on 31 October. All in all a very interesting and stimulating year.

## OKANAGAN-THOMPSON BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

### A Year To Remember: 1989

by T.M. (Tom) Tyson

**T**he Branch, under President Bob Casement, laboured on with the task that had started three years earlier, to build a Cairn in Camp Vernon, to the memory of all Patricias who had served at the Vernon Military Camp.

With the aid of a 50 man Honour Guard and the Corps of Drums from the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Victoria the cairn was unveiled and dedicated on 22 July, 1989. Major-General (Retired) C.B. Ware, DSO, CD a vice-patron of the Regiment, was the official guest at the ceremony. This ceremony was the start of the 75th Anniversary for the Branch.

Later, in August, a great many of our members attended the National Reunion in Calgary and took part in the Old Guard parade with the Branch's Colours.

The National Reunion was the highlight of the year, as some of our members got to talk with our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the Regiment during the 75th Anniversary, a Regimental Award was presented to Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Don Ardelain. The award was presented at a luncheon held in Vernon, by Tom Tyson, President of the Branch on behalf of the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment.



Tom Tyson, President Bob Casement and Don Ardelain admiring the finished "Cairn" at Vernon Military Camp.  
Photo by Jerry Richard.



Award presentation by President Tom Tyson to LCol (Retd) Don Ardelain, CD for his dedicated service to the Regiment during the 75th Anniversary of the Regiment, at a luncheon held in Vernon, B.C.

## VANCOUVER BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

by L.W. Basham

**B**ecause the Anniversary Edition of the PATRICIAN is very significant in our Regimental history it was considered most appropriate now that we report briefly on the history of the Branch. As a matter of record, we also considered that the names of members of the Branch who attended the National Reunion, should be put in print.

The Vancouver Branch is one of the oldest, and perhaps the oldest continuing branch, of the Association. Its origin is found in a group created on the initiative of Lyle Fraser in 1945. It was a small circle of 25 members, mostly World War I veterans, who undertook to gather annually on the 17th of March, to renew comradeship and the Regimental spirit. The initial meetings which took place in Lyle's home, consisted of a social hour followed by an annual meeting and election of officers for the following year. In the late forties when the Branch took its basic form as part of the PPCLI Association, the annual meetings were held in various armouries and hotels in Vancouver. The fare provided was rudimentary, usually beer, crackers, cheese and pickles. This gradually improved with caterers being hired to provide a better meal. By 1952, the Branch membership was increasing with more veterans of World War II joining. On March 17, 1960, the Branch held its dinner and meeting in the wet canteen of the Irish Fusiliers, at the Stanley Park Armoury. A hot time must have been observed as the entire Armoury burnt down in a fire originating in the wet canteen during the small hours of the 18th of March.



By 1970, the paid-up membership had reached 100, with yearly dues set at \$5.00. As the Branch matured, it became more fraternal and benevolent. A minimum of four events per year became the norm. The Branch also provided a linkage with the Department of Veterans Affairs to help solve members' problems. It now provides very significant support to the next-of-kin on the death of a member. Since 1981, it has published a Branch newsletter which is now issued four times per year. Our Branch has grown to a total 134 members and with this it has achieved a stable financial status. Space does not permit acknowledgement of all the members who contributed to the growth and excellence of the Branch but listed below is the unbroken line of presidents since 1945.

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|---------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1945-46 | L. Fraser    | 1972    | D. Gunderson    |
| 1947-50 | C. Palmer    | 1973-75 | G. Henderson    |
| 1951    | C. Leighton  | 1976-78 | M. Parsons      |
| 1952    | G. Upton     | 1979-80 | C. Pyne         |
| 1953    | D. Bruce     | 1981-82 | B. Suais        |
| 1954    | E. Topham    | 1983-84 | C. Kemsley      |
| 1955-56 | W. Roach     | 1985    | J. Stutt        |
| 1957-59 | I. Gibson    | 1986-87 | W. Harrington   |
| 1960-63 | T. Routledge | 1988-89 | L. Basham       |
| 1964-69 | R. Clarke    | 1990    | D. Parr-Pearson |
| 1970-71 | W. Lewis     |         |                 |

The National Reunion was attended by 54 members and associate members of the Vancouver Branch. Their names, in alphabetical order, are: H. Bain, K. Barwise, L. Basham, M. Basham, J. Bird, G. Brodsky, N. Butcher, H. Chatry, S. Chaykovsky, J. Fodchuk, A. Foulds, G. Grant, P. Griffiths, W. Harrington, M. Harrington, S. Hart, G. Henderson, G. Holmes, A. Holt, W. Hutchinson, R. Izatt, Y. Izatt, W. Jantzen, G. Jantzen, C. Kemsley, H. Kemsley, M. Kirby, M. Levy, D. MacLeod, P. Maione, F. McBride, S. McFall, W. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, J. Moore, F. Norris, G. Palmer, D. Parr-Pearson, J. Rafferty, D. Roe, E. Shaw, R. Smith, K. Stewart, J. Stutt, W. Swift, E. Thompson, M. Thurgood, J. Turner, K. Tutte, V. Tutte, G. Upton, D. Urquhart, G. Wilson, E. Wyman.

## CALGARY BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

*by John Hodge*



*The essence of the reunion: Ken Villiger, President of the Calgary Branch, commands the Association colour party for the march past of the Old Guard.*

**G**reetings to all Patricias from Calgary, host branch of the 75th Anniversary Reunion. And thanks to those who came in the thousands from the length and breadth of Canada and beyond to join us in the celebration.

The year started with a certain amount of apprehension about what our eventual role in the reunion might be. Apprehension reached a peak of elation and pride as all fell into place and the celebration went off without a hitch. Our membership went from 130 to 240 and the euphoria continued throughout the year.

The reunion has been well documented in print and pictures and those who attended have their personal memories. We are taking the opportunity here to acknowledge those of our members who were key contributors to the success of the event. Not enough can be said about the efforts and dedication of Rod Middleton, National President, who put in literally thousands of hours to make the Association's role so highly successful, as well as being deeply involved with museum planning and fund raising. Ken Villiger, Branch President, who, as well as his normal responsibilities, commanded the massed Association colour guard. Andy Kralej and Dick Whittington negotiated hotel accommodation, stuffed, licked and stamped hundreds of envelopes, and assisted with ticket allocation and reception duties. Carl Kawanami arranged the ethnic food services in the Better 'Ole. Nelda Leary donated a magnificent hand-made VP wall hanging that was raffled off to raise \$1500.00 for the museum fund. B.A.J. and Enid Franklin proofread the memorial tablets for our museum Hall of Honour. Bill White organized and supervised ticket taking at the Association dinner and concert. Les White was a dresser for the Association concert and also assisted the Franklins in proofreading.

Monthly meetings were well attended throughout the year. Other branch activities included three bring-your-own steak barbecues each attended by over 100 members and guests and the Annual Fall Ball was attended by 170, all held in the Home Station Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. Les and Donna White made and donated regimentally emblazoned banners for the Roll of Honour and the names of past presidents.

In December, we mourned the passing of Jack Adkin. Jack joined the PPCLI in 1935 and remained a Patricia to the end. A sad note on which to end such a memorable year.

## ATLANTIC BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

**T**he 75th Anniversary year has indeed been an event at Atlantic Branch as we are sure it has been for all Patricias everywhere. Our events began with a special visit to the 17th March celebrations by an old Korean Vet familiar to many of us, Robbie Robertson from Brooklyn, N.Y. On hand to host Robbie and add to the festivities in the Branch 4 Legion in Fredericton, was Brigadier-General Lew MacKenzie with his own brand of jovial satire and a seemingly endless supply of amusing anecdotes.

The 12th of May marked a very special occasion for us in the Atlantic Region. Through the efforts of Lieutenant-Colonel (Retd) Bob Dallison the regimental affiliation between St. Mary's Band of Saint John, N.B., and the Patricias was revived. To mark the occasion the Freedom of the City of Saint John was bestowed upon St. Mary's Band. In keeping with the spirit of the anniversary year, the members of Atlantic Branch were asked to find an "Old Guard" to help exercise the privilege, and alongside the Band and a New Guard from the French Grey Battalion, we marched proudly through the streets of Saint John.

Mayor Elsie Wayne and various civic and provincial officials were on hand to review the parade and receive the salute. Festivities on 12 May continued at a buffet luncheon at Branch 14 Legion hosted by Brigadier-General (Retd) Phil Oland. Many new acquaintances were forged and many old ones renewed that afternoon. Our thanks to Brigadier-General Oland were expressed in the form of a Patricia plaque presented to him on 19 June, by Bob Whittaker, our President and Brigadier-General MacKenzie in a small ceremony at Oland Breweries in Saint John.

Any visit of the Colonel-in-Chief is a special occasion for Patricias and the 8th of August was no exception. The Officers of the French Grey Battalion hosted an all ranks luncheon which included all Atlantic Branch members, with one notable exception, namely the President Bob Whittaker. When it was brought to Lady Patricia's attention that Bob couldn't attend due to his illness, it was arranged that she would visit him at home that afternoon. Two hours later the Colonel-in-Chief and Lord Brabourne were enjoying tea in the Whittaker's sitting room and Bob enjoying, "one of the most memorable moments of his life."

Before departing for Calgary on 8 August, the Colonel-in-Chief traveled to Saint John to dedicate a plaque in memory of Lance Sergeant C.H. Williams, who led the St. Mary's Band in the Great War. He was killed in action at Tolloy, in 1918. Mayor Wayne was on hand and presented Lady Patricia with three 1914 paintings of the Regiment at Bramshot Camp prior to their departure for France.

The Countess departed Saint John for Calgary that afternoon leaving the Atlantic Patricias with many fond memories which we will savour for a long time to come.

Atlantic Branch Patricias were well represented at Calgary and one of our number has been painted into posterity in Molly Lamb Boback's vibrant impression of the sunset ceremony. Yes, that lonely figure bedecked with cameras in the lower left foreground of the canvas is none other than our very own Roy Rushton. Molly kindly presented her wonderful painting to us at a luncheon in the Carleton Officers' Mess on 8 December. Brigadier-General MacKenzie received the painting for the Regiment with Bob Whittaker, Jamie Reid and Bob Dallison on hand representing us. We are very proud that Molly should have chosen to present what we are sure will be a much loved regimental treasure. We welcomed her into the Patricia family in true Maritime fashion.

The closing comments this year will be left to a man whose writing stirred our emotion this autumn with its honesty and dignity. We speak of course of none other than Don Landry who so elegantly expressed the feelings of so many Eastern Patricias in his essay on the 75th Celebrations.

The trooping was done in blazing heat. The Regiments' proud display was done flawlessly. Another highlight for me, as I am sure it was for others, was the march past of the Old Guard. When we formed up and were called to attention, the 1400 or so of us smashed our feet together in such a manner that drew cheers from our supporters in the stands. The right turn command did the same. Then off we marched to the music of the Edmonton Police Pipe Band! What a moment, as we gave the salute to our Colonel-in-Chief, our Regiment gave a salute to us. Our Regiment! Never have these words meant more to me than during and since the Reunion.



*Mayor Elsie Wayne enjoys some of Joe Flannigan's entertaining "blarney" as Brigadier-General MacKenzie, Major Shutte and Police Chief Sherwood look on.*



## UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

### 75th Anniversary Celebrated In Britain

**A**t the invitation of Commander and Mrs. Barry Nation, the United Kingdom Branch of the PPCLI Association marked the 75th Anniversary of the raising of the Regiment, by holding their annual Frezenberg Day celebration on 6 May at Hatch Court, the Founder's home near Taunton, Somerset. Branch Members, associates and serving officers of the Regiment came from widely separated parts of Britain and the Continent.

Speaking after lunch, the Colonel-in-Chief spoke of her pleasure in seeing so many members of the Regiment and of the wider regimental family. Sadly those who had fought in the 1914-18 War were no longer with us but present at Hatch were veterans of the Second World War and Korea and of the years of peace.

Nothing could better prove the unique family tradition of the Regiment than the gathering itself. Present in the Founder's home with members of his family, were Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar, the son of our revered first Colonel-in-Chief, three grandchildren of Francis Farquhar, our first commanding officer and two daughters of Brigadier-General Pelly who commanded after Frezenberg and on the Somme. Ken Scott, who himself served in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, was the son of Colonel Lou Scott, who joined as a private in 1914, was RSM at Sanctuary Wood and was commissioned in the field.

Representing the Royal Green Jackets were Brigadier Dick Vernon whose wife Hazel, is a niece of Hammie Gault and Major Richard Carrow, recently returned from being an exchange officer in Calgary. Several serving officers of the Regiment and their wives were present, including Major-General Bill Hewson and Colonel Barry Ashton from Brussels.

Hatch Court glowed in the warm May sunshine and the members of the party were able to enjoy the grounds and the deer park as well as the elegant interior of the house. Of particular interest was the fascinating collection of memorabilia of Hamilton Gault's life in the newly-refurbished museum.



(L-R): H. Lindsay, Mr. McCoy, 'Dusty' Miller, Commander Nation.



Frezenberg Celebration, May 6, 1989. (L-R): Brigadier Vernon, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Nation, Brigadier Griffin (Royal Green Jackets).

## PPCLI BAND

**T**he year 1989 was indeed a special one. A 75th birthday should be celebrated and thoroughly enjoyed whether it belongs to a person or a Regiment. The Princess Patricia's 75th Anniversary was no exception. For the PPCLI Band our taskings to the celebration began in June, in Winnipeg with Kapyong Days Parade and a Freedom of the City Ceremony.

From there we were off to Victoria to Troop the Colour of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. We arrived back in Calgary to our home station and the highlight of the anniversary celebrations with the Countess Mountbatten of Burma presiding over the many and varied functions of the National Reunion. On 11 August the Band gave a Gala concert for the PPCLI Association and their friends. The concert was well attended and from all reports was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Finally on 12 August 1989, the long awaited main event was staged. On that day "Trooping of the Colour" became "Trooping of the Colours". For the first time, all three PPCLI colours plus the 2nd Airborne Commando Colour were on parade. The ceremony was one few will forget.

With the major portions of the celebrations over, we took a much appreciated two weeks off and prepared for the final chapter. On 4 September 1989, we left for Ottawa and joined the Royal 22e Regiment for the joint celebration on Parliament Hill. (The Vandoos also celebrated their 75th Anniversary this year.) With the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honorable Jean Sauve presiding, we performed the last parade for the 75th Anniversary. 1989 was indeed a special year.



*Kapyong Day Parade in Winnipeg.*



*Drum Major Vanderlinden and the three Drum Majors (L-R: Drum Majors McIsaac, Swanson and Leduc) during the Regimental Trooping.*



*LGEn Foster inspects the Regimental Band, accompanied by Captain Embree.*



*The Regimental Band, with the Unit Corps of Drums, marches past during the 75th Anniversary Trooping.*

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The 2701 maintains its high morale, necessary for achieving such results, by keeping active throughout the year. During 1989, they had several weekend outings to develop their senior and junior leaders as well as their junior cadets. Activities included winter survival, cliff rappelling and First Aid training. Upcoming activities include a trip to Calgary to visit the Regimental Museum and visits with other Cadets and the Annual Inspection. The future will hold some changes for the Corps as the Commanding Officer, Captain Yorke, hands over the reins of command to the Administration Officer, Captain Jenkins.

Congratulations to 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps for an outstanding performance. With continued support from 2 PPCLI, this fine group will undoubtedly continue to perform to a high standard.



*Mr. D'Arcy Best, Vice-President West, PPCLI Association, presenting the Association Award for Most Outstanding PPCLI Cadet Corps to Cadet RSM Dziver.*



*The 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corp En Masse.*



# KOREAN STUDENT BURSARIES

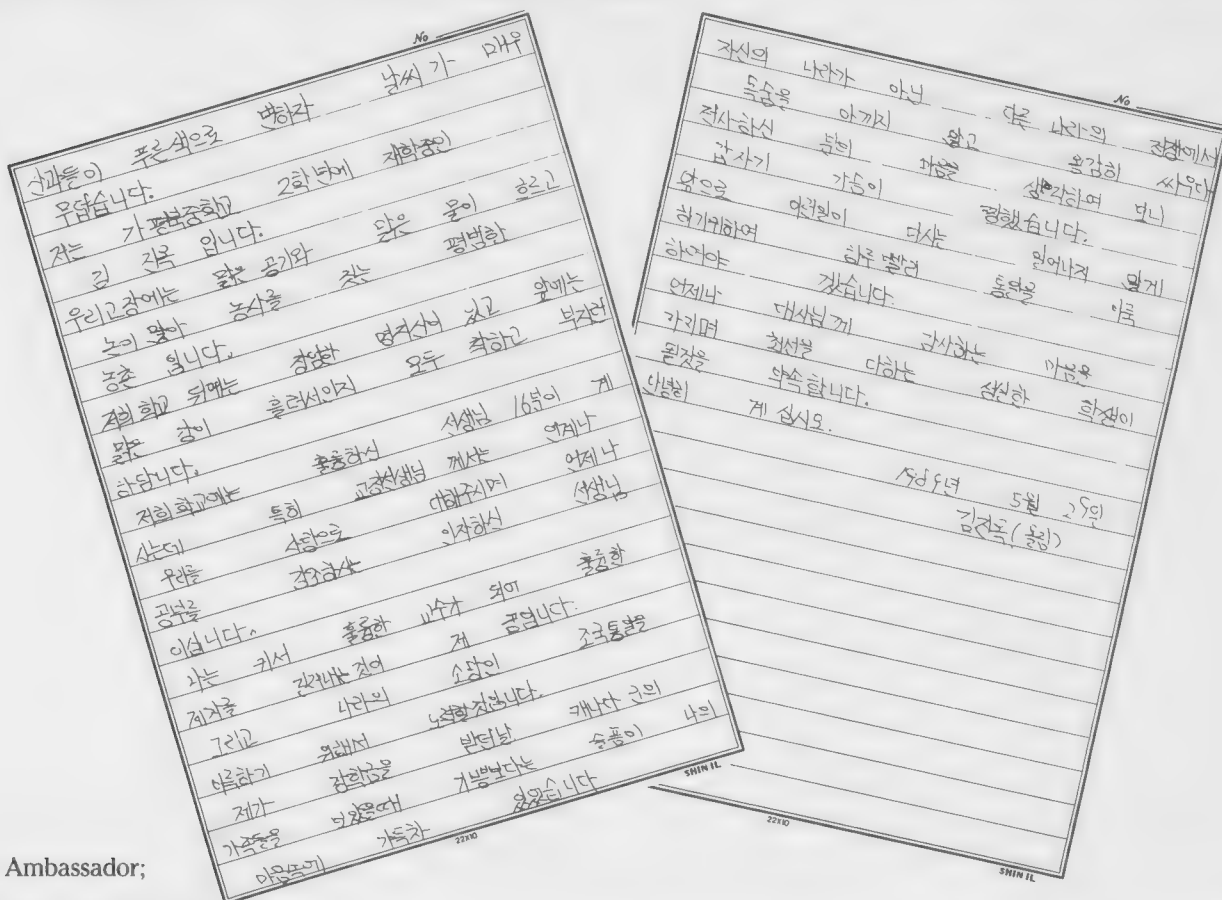
by MCpl T.R. Groves

In Korea, not all families can afford to send their children to good schools. Through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund a number of grade 7/8 students, who would otherwise be unable to get a better education are given this opportunity through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

Consequently, the children are very grateful for our contribution and strive to excel so the support can be continued. They do not take our support lightly nor have they forgotten our sacrifices for their freedom as they continue to honour and remember our Korean dead.

This year the recipients wrote letters of thanks. The handwriting of the students (which has been translated) is meticulous. An example has been included to reflect the high standard these children demand of themselves.

We are responding to each of them with a copy of the PATRICIAN 89 so they can see the soldiers who continue to support them. A copy of one of the letters to the student is displayed.



Dear Ambassador;

How do you do, sir?

I am one of the students who received the bursary from you when you visited the Canadian Monument in Kapyong. That bursary was very helpful in paying my school expenses. I thank you so very much for your kindness and that of the Canadian people. I will try to visit Canada some day when I grow up.

My school is located at Egok-ri, Kapyong, which is surrounded by trees and plenty of flowers. I think Kapyong itself is a good tourism resort and popular for mountain climbing in the summer.

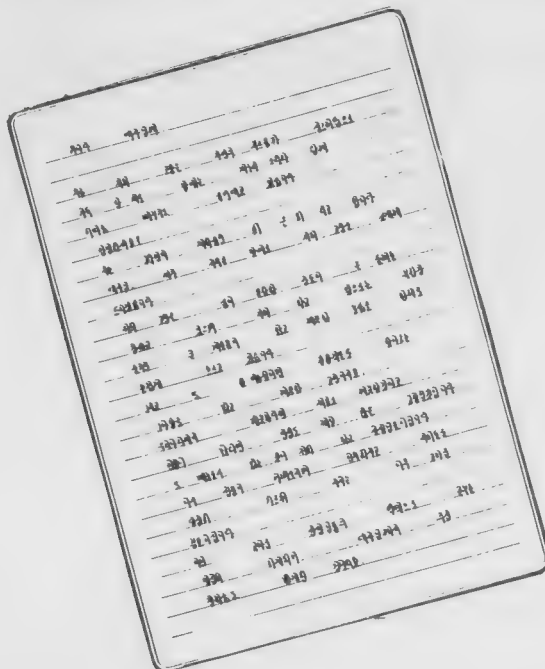
As I am young, I am not familiar with the past war in Korea but I have heard many times that the battle in Kapyong was very fierce; especially the combat on the mountain behind the present Canadian monument where many soldiers from both sides were killed to secure that important hill. I pay my respects and homage to those brave Canadian soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect our country. I often see the guests offering silent prayer in front of the monument for their friends. Whenever I see these visitors, I pledge to myself that there should be no other war in Korea, or any other place.

I sincerely thank you, Canadian people, and all those Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in the war they fought for us.

I believe that Canada and Korea must maintain a good relationship and share a warm heart that cares more for others than oneself.

I pray for continued prosperity for Canada.

LEE' SUN-HYOCK



Dear Mr. Ambassador

How are you, sir?

With croak of frogs and cuckoo's song, we are enjoying a fresh summer season.

I am CHOI, EUN-HEE a 2nd grade middle school student.

I am very happy to live in such a fine and clean rural community. We, young students, are hard at work with good teachers who always give us attentive considerations.

I am really proud of my school.

Mr. Ambassador, I wish to tell you that the bursary given by you was of great help for my education. I thank you very much for your kindness. I promise that I will study harder to meet your expectations.

CHOI, EUN-HEE



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Kim, Jin-Ok  
Kapyong Buk Middle School

Dear Kim,

It was with great delight that we received your letter allowing us a small glimpse of yourself and your country. Your letter was very neat and your words mature. The Ambassador of Canada had your letter translated and sent to us here in Canada.

Those members of our Regiment who made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea, fighting for freedom, would be very proud to know that such a fine young citizen, as yourself, still remembers and honours them. We all believe everyone should have freedom and the opportunity to become the best they can be.

You live in a beautiful country and attend a fine school. We know you will continue with your studies and make your family and country proud of you. We are sure you will make a fine teacher and teach good values to young students as you have been taught.

We would like you to have our book "The Patrician". Although you may not be able to read it, since it is in English, you will be able to see the faces of the soldiers who continue to honour our Korean veterans by sponsoring you. They are very happy to be able to help with your schooling.

We wish you continued success with your studies and prosperity for your family.

  
R.S. Graham  
Brigadier-General  
Colonel of the Regiment

## IN MEMORIAM

|          |               |       |                       |                   |                          |
|----------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|          | WWII          |       | BINNS, Kenneth E.     | 27 November 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|          | Korea         |       | BJARNASON, Henry B.   | 16 December 1989  | Vancouver, B.C.          |
| H17718   | WWII          | Pte   | BODNAR, Michael       | 17 January 1989   | Thunder Bay, Ont.        |
| H36757   | WWII          |       | BOND, Howard          | 24 December 1988  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|          | RF            | Pte   | CAMERON, Mark A.      | 27 January 1989   | Arnprior, Ont.           |
| H9645    | WWII          | Pte   | CAMPBELL, Robert L.   | 9 August, 1988    | Virden, Man.             |
|          | WWII          |       | CHAMBERLAIN, Austin   | 5 September 1989  | Prince Albert, Sask.     |
|          | WWII          |       | CLARKE, John S.       | 14 December 1989  |                          |
|          |               |       | CLARKE, Dennis        |                   | Oakville, Ont.           |
| H1699    | WWII          | WOII  | CLASSEN, N.           | 7 March 1988      | Charlottetown, P.E.I.    |
| H616808  | RF            |       | CONQUERGOOD           | 6 November 1988   | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| M800036  | Korea         | Cpl   | COOK, Albert          | 18 February 1989  | Cowansville, Ont.        |
|          | RF            | LCol  | COTTON, Harry         | 5 February 1989   | Ottawa, Ont.             |
| SB154289 | Korea         | Pte   | COULTER, Wayne        | 30 October 1988   | Brampton, Ont.           |
|          | RF            | Cpl   | COUTURE, Mark         | 23 April 1989     | Calgary, Alta.           |
| SB188379 | RF            |       | CRAWFORD, Leroy A.    | 25 March 1989     | Lethbridge, Alta.        |
| P22155   | WWII          | Sgt   | CRITCHLEY, Richard W. | 19 February 1989  | Paradise, N.S.           |
| G49168   | Korea, RF     | LCpl  | DAIGLE, Leo J.        | 8 November 1988   | St. John, N.B.           |
| H16977   | WWII          |       | DANN, Wilbert E.      | 2 August 1989     | Riding Mountain, Man.    |
| H17521   | WWII, RF      | Pte   | DAVIES, Ernest        | 9 August 1988     | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H1033425 | WWII          | Pte   | DIXON, Norman         | 1 December 1988   | San Clara, Man.          |
| B144288  | WWII          | Pte   | DUNCAN, Roy W.        | 15 November 1988  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H17836   | WWII          | Sgt   | ECELLE, A.            |                   |                          |
| 402      | RF            | Pte   | FAST, Jeff J.         | 11 August 1988    | Enderby, B.C.            |
| H17236   | WWII          |       | FULTON, Richard S.    | 15 May 1989       | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| B145657  | WWII          | Pte   | GAY, Harold           | 11 May 1989       | Windsor, Ont.            |
|          | Korea         | Sgt   | GOSSELIN, Lyle V.     | 12 February 1989  | North Bay, Ont.          |
| H31540   | WWII          | Pte   | GRANT, Evan A.        | 28 December 1988  | Rainy River, Ont.        |
|          | WWII          |       | GRIFFITHS, Norman G.  | 26 November 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H30626   | WWII          | Pte   | HAGEN, David J.       | 15 October 1988   | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|          | RF            | Pte   | HILLIKER, Shawn L.    | 27 January 1989   | Arnprior, Ont.           |
|          | WWII          |       | HOBAN, Ken            | 18 November 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|          | Korea         |       | HOLT, Angus           | 22 December 1989  | Vancouver, B.C.          |
| SF104539 | RF            | Cpl   | IRVING, Michael R.    | 1 December 1988   | Lethbridge, Alta.        |
| H16305   | WWII          |       | IVERACH, Robert H.    | 14 February 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H16305   | WWII          |       | IVERACH, Hugh R.      | 14 February 1989  | Roswell, N.M., U.S.A.    |
| H16713   | WWII          |       | JOHNSON, John E.      | 25 November 1988  | Selkirk, Man.            |
| SK49448  | WWII          | Sgt   | JONES, Ralph D.       | 12 November 1988  | Surrey, B.C.             |
| 4887388  | WWI           | Cpl   | KEITH, Leslie         | 21 January 1989   | Vancouver, B.C.          |
| H17210   | WWII          | A/Sgt | KENNER, Wesley L.     | 23 August 1989    | Vancouver, B.C.          |
|          | Korea, RF     | Sgt   | KENNY, A.G.           | 19 April 1989     | Carberry, Man.           |
| H23513   | WWII          |       | KOROWSKI, W.          | 30 August 1988    | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| 0114134  | RF            |       | LAPOINTE, Henry P.    | 18 July 1988      | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| SL4883   | RF            |       | MAGILL, James         | January 1989      | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| P22339   | WWII          | Sgt   | McDONALD, H. Edward   | 14 September 1989 | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H16923   | WWII          | Pte   | MILLER, George A.     | 11 February 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| P16923   |               |       | MILLER, George A.     | 13 February 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| H17673   | WWII          |       | MURRAY, Willis I.     | 26 January 1989   | Neepawa, Man.            |
| 2265553  | WWI           | Pte   | PEARCE, Dave          | 15 November 1988  | Toronto, Ont.            |
| SK14729  | RF            | Pte   | PICKERING, E.R.       | 8 November 1988   | Calgary, Alta.           |
|          | WWI           |       | PLORDER, R.A.         | 1988              | Toronto, Ont.            |
| H16087   | WWII          | Pte   | POLHILL, Walter E.    | March 1989        | Kelowna, B.C.            |
|          |               | Mrs.  | POTTS, Morin          | 11 March 1989     | Edmonton, Alta.          |
|          | WWII          |       | PRINCE, Rufus         | 15 July 1989      | Portage la Prairie, Man. |
| H16944   | WWII          |       | PROUTEN, Joseph G.    | 6 June 1989       | Port Coquitlam, B.C.     |
| SH800038 | WWII, Kor, RF | Sgt   | PURCELL, Arthur E.    | 22 January 1989   | Grand Forks, B.C.        |
| SH4822   | RF            |       | RATT, Robert          | 21 November 1988  | Lethbridge, Alta.        |
|          | WWII          |       | REUTHER, Percy Sr.    | 12 November 1989  |                          |
| P20884   | WWII, RF      |       | ROBERTSON, Herbert    | 12 February 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
| C800211  | WWII          | Pte   | ROCKY, Myles N.       | 7 May 1989        | Brockville, Ont.         |
| 626      | WWI           | Pte   | ROFFEY, Bill          | 17 November 1988  | Toronto, Ont.            |
|          | RF            | Pte   | ROSS, John F.         | 27 January 1989   | Arnprior, Ont.           |



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| SH46007 | WWII, Korea | Cpl | ROSS, John W.       | 22 January 1989   | The Pas, Man.            |
|         | WWII        |     | ROY, Roland         | 21 December 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|         | RF          | Cpl | RUSSEL, Jamie K.    | 27 January 1989   | Arnprior, Ont.           |
|         |             |     | SALMON, Grant E.    | 19 December 1989  | Edmonton, Alta.          |
| H17795  | WWII        |     | SCRUTTON, Edward G. | 13 November 1989  | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|         | WWII        |     | SMITH, Rae N.       | 4 May 1989        | Maple Ridge, Sask.       |
|         | WWII        |     | SPOONER, Samuel C.  | 30 October 1989   |                          |
|         | Korea, RF   | Sgt | SUAIS, Barney       | 24 September 1989 | Richmond, B.C.           |
| H23942  | WWII        | Cpl | TATE, William       | 9 February 1989   | Portage la Prairie, Man. |
|         | RF          | Pte | THOMPSON, Brian     | 27 January 1989   | Arnprior, Ont.           |
| H16329  | WWII        | Pte | THREKILL, James     | 15 May 1989       | Winnipeg, Man.           |
|         |             | Sgt | TURNER, Reginald S. | 22 December 1989  |                          |
| B73752  | WWII        | Sgt | WATT, Francis       | 3 November 1988   | Shelburne, Ont.          |
| 487304  | WWI         |     | WILSON, William     | 1 October 1989    | Shelburne, Ont.          |
| P22331  | WWII        |     | WOLFE, Adam         | 26 February 1989  | Toronto, Ont.            |
| SP9873  | WWII        | Pte | WYSEMAN, John P.    | 2 April 1989      | Victoria, B.C.           |

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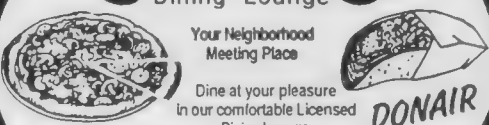
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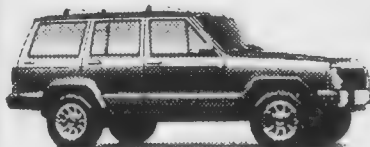
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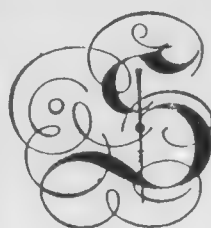
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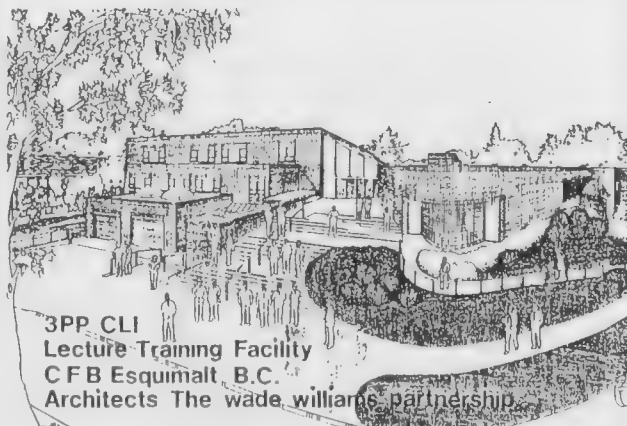
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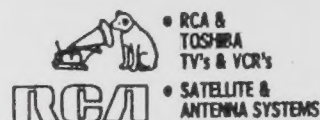
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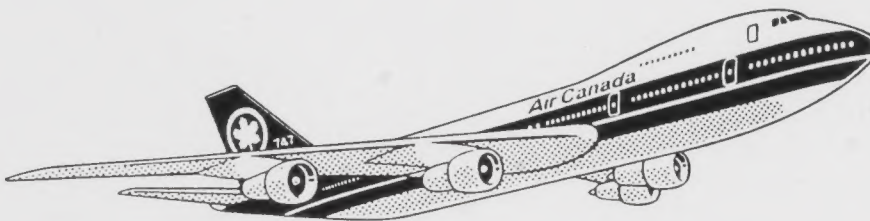
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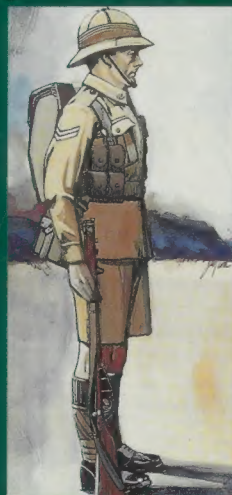
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